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## GRAB LAST

## OF KARPIS

## GANG

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G-MEN SCORE AGAIN



HARRY CAMPBELL  
... didn't resist ...

## CAMPBELL IS TAKEN IN TOLEDO

G-man Chief Hoover  
Makes Personal Capture  
of Bandit in Toledo

IS RUSHED TO ST. PAUL



J. EDGAR HOOVER  
... got our man ...

CLEVELAND, May 7.—  
(U.P.)—J. Edgar Hoover, di-  
rector of the federal bureau  
of investigation, announced  
today that Harry Campbell,  
only remaining member of  
the Karpis-Barker gang,  
was captured in Toledo at 5  
o'clock this morning.

Hoover arrested Campbell per-  
sonally, brought him to Cleveland  
in a chartered plane and then sent  
him to St. Paul under guard of fed-  
eral agents.

Hoover said only slight resistance  
was encountered when he and his  
agents broke into Campbell's second  
floor apartment. They found  
women who Hoover said was Camp-  
bell's wife in the apartment with  
him.

#### Been There 6 Months

The girl was brought to Cleveland but was not placed under arrest. Investigators found \$2,900 in cash, a revolver and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo five months, almost constantly since the Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November.

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night. The raid was staged quietly this morning and the two were immediately brought to Cleveland.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer while he was held captive.

In another raid at Toledo federal agents captured Sam Coker, on parole from the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester, where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held here in the department of justice office and will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

#### Recently Unaware

Campbell was married, Hoover said, in May, 1935, at Bowling Green, O. He did not disclose the maiden name of Campbell's wife but said he did not think she knew who Campbell really was.

The building in which Campbell was taken was a two-story store building. Four apartments were on the second floor above a delicatessen. Campbell lived in one of the front apartments. Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo under the name of Bob Miller. He also was married under that name, the marriage certificate found in the apartment showed.

Coker's age was listed as 40 and his home at Nowata, Okla. He was captured in an old residence where

George Nelson, Benn Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson and George F. Summers.

Of the one-time "big shots" in gangland, the government's special agents have captured all but T. H. Robinson, Jr., sought for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stohl in Louisville, and William Mahan, wanted for the kidnaping of little George Weyerhaeuser.

Dispatches from Riverside, Cal., today indicated that police there are checking a report that Mahan had been seen in that vicinity last night.

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# G-MEN SEIZE

## LAST OF

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1936

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# CAMPBELL AND COKER TAKEN IN TOLEDO

Hoover Leads in Two  
Raids; Fugitives  
Show No Fight

CLEVELAND, May 7 (L.N.S.). Capture of Harry Campbell and Cam Coker, "cleaning up the major angles of the Bremer kidnaping case and the last remnants of the Karpis-Barker gang," was announced here today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Department of Investigation.

Both men were seized early today by a heavy force of G-men personally led by Hoover in two separate raids in Toledo, Hoover disclosed.

## Little Resistance

Just as in the seizure of Alvin Karpis, the leader of the notorious gang, in New Orleans last Friday night, Campbell and Coker were seized without the firing of a shot, the G-man chief revealed. Hoover said:

"Campbell offered a little resistance, but it was so insignificant that it is not worth mentioning. These fellows are all yellow, you know."

With Campbell, reputed "brains" of the Karpis gang, was seized his 20-year-old wife, whom Hoover believes is a Toledo girl.

Campbell was married to the girl in Bowling Green, Ohio, in May, 1935, under the name of Bob Miller, Hoover said.

## Taken to Cleveland

Campbell and his wife and Coker all three were placed in a chartered plane at Transcontinental Airport, Toledo, and flown to Cleveland.

At Cleveland, Hoover and several of his aides alighted and brought the woman and Coker to the Federal Bureau of Investigation offices here. The planes took off immediately, with Campbell under guard of a half dozen G-men, for St. Paul.

NABBED



HARRY CAMPBELL, designated as Public Enemy No. 1 on the capture of Alvin Karpis, was caught in Cleveland today along with Sam Coker, also an alleged member of the Karpis-Barker gang. International News Photo.

# HARRY CAMPBELL, LAST KARPIS ALLY, TAKEN BY G-MEN

Hoover Heads Agents Who  
Make Dawn Arrest at  
Toledo Apartments.

TRAP SPRUNG AS PAIR  
EMERGE FROM BUILDING

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HARRY CAMPBELL

Campbell

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## Woman Neighbor Describes Capture of Harry Campbell

By MRS. GERALD FOSNAUGHT  
(As Told to United Press)

TOLEDO, Ohio.—I saw the arrest of Harry Campbell, last of the Karpis-Barker gang—not knowing that the man who had lived next door to me was a fugitive from justice, wanted by the G-Men.

This morning about 5 o'clock I was awakened by sounds on the stairs alongside the second-story apartment where we live. Looking out of the window, I saw four cars pulled up to the curb. Men were getting out of them, some carrying sawed-off shotguns, and some carrying suitcases.

Four men remained on the street looking up at the windows of the apartment across the hall from ours. The rest of them, more than a dozen I thought, came up the stairs hurriedly. Some went down the hall to

the back door of the building, while the rest of them stayed in the hall in front of Apartment No. 1.

They pounded on the door. A woman's voice answered them. It was Gertrude Miller's voice.

"What do you want?" she asked.

"We are Federal officers and we're coming in," a man answered.

Then they beat on the door again. When the door was opened I heard them file into the room. There were scuffling sounds as if they were moving the furniture around.

In a few minutes, they came out of the door, leading the man I knew as

"Mr. Miller. His feet were chained and he was handcuffed to two of the officers. The attractive little girl I knew as "Gertrude Miller" was brought out next.

Then they all drove away.

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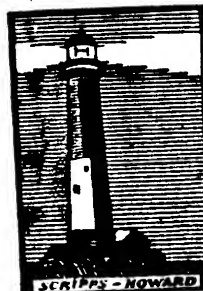
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# PEP G-MEN OF CAMPBELL

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The big ship landed at 11:55 a. m. C. S. T. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who personally made the arrest at Toledo early this morning, was not aboard. He returned to Washington from Cleveland.

Shortly before the arrival one of the G-Men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, trembling leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the Federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "he's entitled to it."

### SPECTATORS BARRED

Karpis has been subjected to intensive questioning ever since he was



HARRY CAMPBELL

brought in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., and Campbell is under indictment for participation in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer.

As in the arrival of Karpis, the plane taxied into the hangar of the 109th Army Air Squadron, from which all spectators were barred.

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## Hoover Leads Raid Netting Karpis Aide

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the airliner arrived. A private plane crashed in attempted take-off but no one was injured.

In Justice Department office Campbell faced the prospect of long hours—perhaps days—of questioning in the Bremer kidnaping for which he has been indicted and in the Hamm kidnaping, with which he has not been linked definitely.

### \$500,000 BOND

There was no danger the 35-year-old sub-lieutenant would meet his gang leader. Karpis, failing to provide \$500,000 bond asked on kidnaping counts, was lodged in the Ramsey County jail. He was taken there last night after five days and nights of questioning.

It was during that time Karpis is believed to have broken down and given Federal agents a list of possible hideouts where Campbell might be located.

Hoover and his investigators slipped in and out of Toledo quietly. They encountered little resistance when they broke into the hunted man's front apartment on the second floor of a store building.

### WIFE DIDN'T KNOW?

With Campbell was his wife, attractive 22-year-old brunet. She was held for questioning in Cleveland but was not placed under arrest.

Hoover said he doubted that she knew her husband's identity. They were married a year ago in Bowling Green, O. Campbell used the name "Bob Miller," the same name under which he lived here.

Half an hour after Campbell was captured, Hoover arrested Sam Coker, Oklahoma convict and associate of Alvin Karpis, who was taken in New Orleans Friday night.

Coker was living with an aged couple suffering from heart trouble and the G-men used extreme care not to excite them. Coker will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover disclosed after the two raids that Dr. Joseph Moran, of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis-Baker gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is believed to be "at the bottom of Lake Erie."

"We are not checking him off our list yet," Hoover remarked, "but we believe gangsters killed him in fear he would 'squeal'."

Hoover revealed that Campbell had been living here the last five months and had been in and out of Toledo for the last year and a half.

He said Campbell an ex-Karpis partner after the Garrettsville, O., mail train robbery last November. Karpis went South and Campbell remained in Ohio.

### \$200 CASH

A revolver, a clip of cartridges and \$200 in cash were found in the apartment. Campbell made no effort to reach his gun and shoot it out with Federal agents.

"He was yellow just like all the rest of them," Hoover said. "As soon as they see you mean business they wilt."

Hoover added that the bureau will immediately intensify its search for doctors, politicians and others who aided the Karpis-Barker mob.

Hoover disclosed that most of the gang hid in Cleveland in the summer of 1934. They were tipped off by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections" that a Federal raid was planned and fled.

A chartered plane brought Hoover from Washington to Toledo. He arrived at 2 a. m. After the raids, Coker, Campbell and his wife were taken by plane to Cleveland.

### NO REWARD

Physicians who altered the fingerprints of members of the Karpis-Barker gang did a "mighty poor job," Hoover said. "None succeeded in changing his marks; all have checked with our records."

A \$2500 reward for the capture of Campbell will not be paid, Hoover said. He told newsmen that "Federal agents made the capture and therefore the reward cannot be claimed."

# Harry Campbell, Karpis Pal, Nabbed

CLEVELAND, May 7 (U.P.)—J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today announced that Harry Campbell, companion of Alvin Karpis, has been captured in Toledo, O.

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R. W. JOSEPH

# Thrilling Arrest Is Witnessed

**A** PERT, attractive young woman, Mrs. Genevieve Fosnaught, apartment No. 2, 2123 Monroe street, was the most thrilled and amazed person in Toledo today.

She and her husband, Gerald, were the only witnesses of the sensational raid by G-men early today in which Harry Campbell, last uncaptured member of the Barker-Karpis gang, was seized in the apartment directly across the hall from the Fosnaught dwelling.

She was amazed because she had no idea she was living across the hall from the most-sought criminal in the country. She was thrilled because she was the only woman to witness the capture.

She was frightened when she thought of what might have been the consequences resulting from the sudden raid on the Campbell apartment—gunplay between the G-men and the fugitive. Her mind conjured up a score of other possibilities which she had, fortunately, escaped.

**B**EWILDERED, unbelieving what her eyes had seen and still wondering if it were all a dream, Mrs. Fosnaught breathlessly told her story to newspapermen.

"I was half-awakened about 5 o'clock this morning by the sound of a number of persons coming up the stairs from the street and then fully awakened by pounding on the door of the apartment across the hall," Mrs. Fosnaught said.

"I hardly could believe my ears when I heard someone say quietly but firmly, 'Open the door, we're federal men.'"

"I was frightened—there has been so much in the papers recently about the capture of Karpis in New Orleans and other arrests and my first thought was that my vague suspicions regarding the people across the hall were true.

"They had acted peculiarly ever since they had been in the place, but of course I had given them little thought, never really suspecting the rather good-looking fellow was a gunman. We knew them as Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the girl's first

name is Gertrude but I don't know what his first name is.

"I got out of bed and looked out the window into Monroe street. There were four cars parked at the curb in front of the apartment and across the street were four or five men with shot guns and submachine guns in their hands.

"I recognized J. Edgar Hoover, G-man chief, from pictures I had seen in the papers. Then I was frightened.

**MR. HOOVER** was standing right in front of the B. & B. garage and the other men were watching the door intently with their guns ready.

"For awhile after the pounding on the door it was quiet.

"Finally I heard the girl come to the door and ask 'What do you want?'

"Again the men ordered her to open the door or there would be trouble.

"I heard the door open and a man asked, 'Where's Tommy?'

"The door closed and the men were inside a long time before I heard it open again.

#### Chained Hand and Foot

"When they went downstairs I went back to the window and saw the couple walk between several heavily armed men to one of the cars—I had seen the most thrilling sight of my life and I still couldn't believe it.

"Campbell was dressed neatly in

a blue suit and a blue hat. He was manacled hand and foot, and chains were looped through the leg irons and handcuffs.

"The girl was dressed in a brown and white checked sport suit and a grey sport hat—she was crying.

"They all got into one of the cars while the men stood by with their weapons.

**THE** other men then got into the other automobiles and drove away.

"There were four cars and four men in each car—I never saw so many guns at one time before in my life.

"The people had been living across the hall ever since November and now that I know who the man is I shudder to think what might have happened.

#### "Very Quiet Couple"

"They were very quiet and never went out in the daytime. I know Gerald, my husband, and I talked about them and wondered how they got by—the man not working. But it was none of our business, so we just forgot about it.

"They went out once in a while at night but not very often. They had a few parties in the apartment but not many, and all but a couple of the parties were very quiet."

Mrs. Fossnaught said that whenever either the man or the girl was leaving their apartment and someone else was in the hall they would reenter their dwelling.

"They never spoke to anyone at all, except just once that I remember, and that was the girl," she said.

"She had a cute little Scotty and we exchanged a few words about the dog on one occasion. She always was very pleasant and polite, though. In fact I thought she was a very attractive, sweet girl. She had brown hair, gray-green eyes and always dressed nicely.

"The girl used to take the dog out for exercise during the day but the man rarely went out until after dark. Gerald and I thought that was funny, too."

"I don't believe I ever will forget this day—in fact I was so excited when I heard that man say he was a Federal agent I almost forgot to awaken Gerald."

**MR. AND MRS. E. E. BURLING**, operators of Burling's cafe, 2140 Monroe street, described the Campbell couple as one of the nicest young couples in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Burling declared the two used to come into the cafe at night to drink beer, sometimes staying until quite late.

"I remember they came in one night, laughed and joked with the other patrons and said they were going to celebrate the man's birthday anniversary the next night.

"They came in the following night and the four of us—Mr. Burling and myself and the couple—drank beer together. It's hard to believe he's a criminal and that girl was such a sweet young woman."

Mrs. Burling recalled that on one occasion she had asked the girl what her husband did for a living. "Oh," she said, "he just has

money—I don't know where he gets it."

On another occasion, Mrs. Burling said, the girl made some vague mention of her husband's being an automobile broker.

Leslie Throne, clerk in the grocery department of the Kroger store also recalled the girl as a customer and Arthur Nilo, employee of a hardware store at 2143 Monroe street, remembered her buying two leashes for her dog.

#### Causes Sensation

The community in the Monroe street district where the Campbells resided so unobtrusively was abuzz today with conversation, conjecture and reminiscence.

There hasn't been so much excitement in the district since 10 years ago when a man was wounded in an attempt to hold up the branch bank at Monroe and Twenty-second streets.

Charles Norwood, 818 Avondale avenue, maintenance man for the Meinert Co., almost got in on the capture today but he missed the big show. However, he witnessed one angle which was not noticed by Mr. and Mrs. Fossnaught.

Norwood was in the alley behind the Meinert company when two sedans, each occupied by two men, entered the alley and parked behind the apartment building.

One man, armed with a sub-machine gun, got out of each car and walked to the rear of the building, Norwood said.

Norwood, his fear aroused by the appearance of the armed men, stammered a question but was gruffly told not to worry but to re-enter the Meinert building and stay out of danger.



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# CAMPBELL, TWO OTHERS SEIZED IN RAIDS HERE

## BULLETIN

A high Toledo official shortly may be charged with giving refuge to a wanted criminal. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation announced this afternoon in Washington. He expressed bitterness over actions of high officials in Toledo, according to a dispatch from Washington, in a conference with newspaper men. His comment was made in connection with the arrest here today of Harry Campbell, pal of Alvin Karpis.

G-men who late today continued to take apart the apartment at 2132 Monroe street where Harry Campbell, fugitive extraordinary, and his wife were captured this morning, removed a suitcase and a rifle from the Campbell residence. Mrs. Eva Kitchen, who lives in Apartment 4, at the same address, said. The agents are seeking a possible cache in the apartment.

Harry Campbell, 36, last of the Alvin Karpis gang, was undergoing a stiff questioning by federal agents this afternoon in St. Paul, Minn., where he was taken in a G-men sky patrol after his sensational capture in a raid at dawn today in a Monroe street apartment.

Campbell and a Toledo woman, described as Mrs. Gertrude Billeter Campbell, wife of the criminal, were arrested at 2132 Monroe street while Sam Coker, western badman and parole violator, was taken in custody two hours later. Federal agents said they arrested Coker at 435 Arcadia avenue but there is no such number in Arcadia avenue.

A federal grand jury was called into session this afternoon at Cleveland to consider indictments against the gang charged with making the spectacular mail robbery at Garrettsville, O., last fall. Warrants charging five members of the gang with robbing an Erie railroad train of \$46,000 in cash and securities Nov. 7 were sworn out two weeks ago.

Named in the warrants are Karpis, arrested by G-men in New Orleans a week ago; Campbell, Fred Hunter and an unidentified man.

## License Issued

It was learned late today that a marriage license was issued on May 29, 1935, to Gertrude M. Billeter, who gave her address as Weston, O., and a Clarence C. Miller, 33, who gave his address as Toledo and occupation as a contractor. Authorities say Miller in reality is Campbell. On the back of the license the girl's age was certified by an "uncle, Mr. Williamson," no address.

Wood county authorities say a Billeter family never lived in or near Weston and that the Williamson family moved away 20 years ago.

It was learned, however, that a Gertrude Billeter lived in Toledo in Vinton street until her marriage to a "Mr. Miller, who lives in Monroe street." Campbell went under the name

of Bob Miller in Toledo and was arrested in a Monroe street apartment.

While the Cleveland grand jury was being called and Campbell being questioned in St. Paul, other G-men were systematically examining the Monroe street flat occupied by Campbell and his wife for the last five months.

All the plumbing, the partitions and every stick of furniture in the place were being examined by agents for fingerprints, and other clues. It was apparent they hoped by checking all fingerprints found in the place to be able to determine who, if any, Campbell's associates were.

## To Examine Auto

In a garage in the rear was an automobile, the property of M. Campbell. It was to be thoroughly examined for clues. Campbell paid a month's rent yesterday, it was learned.

While agents were examining the apartment, Mrs. Edward McGraw, 2011 1/2 Adams street, arrived with a pair of pillows. She said she had known the Campbells for six months under the name of Miller. She knew Gertrude Billeter before she married Campbell. She was not questioned by the agents.

The flying patrol arrived in St. Paul under the muzzles of a score of federal agents' guns. The plane was wheeled into the 109th Aero squadron's big hangar. Behind closed doors, while federal agents ringed the plane with shotguns and sub-machine guns ready for action, Campbell was unloaded.

Still wearing leg irons and handcuffs he was hustled into a waiting automobile by six operatives. The machine whirled around the federal building and stopped before a side door. Campbell was hustled inside so fast spectators got only a fleeting glimpse of him.

A representative of the Toledo Trust Co. went to the apartment this afternoon when tenants beneath complained of water leaking through the ceiling. Agents told him they would repair the leak. They were putting silver nitrate over everything in their search for fingerprints.

Announcement of the arrests was made by Hoover in Cleveland this morning.

Other important arrests in Toledo are expected momentarily as the G-men uncover evidence of the harboring of the notorious criminal.

Within a few minutes after the G-men made their raids, Campbell, Coker and the woman were in a specially chartered airplane bound for Cleveland. Coker and the woman were left there and then the plane started for St. Paul with Campbell.

The G-men arrived here in their plane at 2 A. M. and departed with their prisoners from the Transcontinental airport

## Find Gun, Money

Campbell showed a little resistance, when the G-men broke into his apartment, Hoover admitted. On Campbell's person the agents found a .45-caliber revolver, \$2,900 and six clips of cartridges.

Campbell's capture followed less than a week after that of his chieftain, Karpis, who bore the label of Public Enemy No. 1.

Karpis was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district but Campbell was nabbed in a rather dreary-looking flat over a block of stores.

Seven G-men arrived in the plane. Hoover was with them. Two automobiles were at the airport to meet the plane. The men quickly sped away toward the city.

The government agents first went to the apartment occupied by Campbell and his wife. The capture was effected without the firing of a shot.

While Campbell and his wife were being closely guarded, other agents raced to the Arcadia avenue address where they found Coker. The latter's arrest occurred two hours after that of Campbell.

Hurrying their prisoners into the two machines, the G-men sped to the airport where the plane was waiting, the motor idling.

No one at the airport apparently saw that the G-men had prisoners with them or if they did, they were ordered to keep their mouths shut.

Campbell, who is lame in one foot, was thrust into the plane, followed by his wife and then Coker. The other agents stepped inside, then Hoover. The plane roared away to the east and within a short time settled down at the Cleveland airport and two of the prisoners whisked away to the federal building for questioning.

Campbell, who is the last of 25 persons indicted or linked by the government with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was then flown to St. Paul. Hoover did not accompany the agents but said he would fly to New York later today.

Campbell also was wanted in connection with the \$46,000 Garrettsville, O., machine gun mail train holdup and it is said that Coker is to be questioned regarding that robbery. It is not believed he took part in it.

Coker, agents said, is a 40-year-old Oklahoma paroled robber.

Information is that Coker originally was a member of the robbery gang when the crime was planned but was taken ill and was in Mercy

hospital when the train was held up. Another Toledoan is alleged to have been recruited to take his place.

Hoover said that Campbell was married to a Toledo girl in Bowling Green in 1935 under the name of Robert Miller. She gave her age as 19 years now. Hoover said the woman did not know anything of Campbell's career and she probably will be released.

Campbell, like Karpis, had had his face lifted and fingerprint operations performed in an effort to change his appearance, but the operations, painful and expensive, did little to change his facial makeup, G-men said, and it was easy to identify him.

Campbell was well known in Toledo underworld circles. He made this city one of his principal hide-outs and it was to Toledo that the Barker-Karpis gang came after the kidnaping of the St. Paul brewer.

The first time the gang came to Toledo they stayed at Point Place and at a down town hotel. It was in Toledo that the fingerprint operations took place.

The physician, Dr. Joe Moran is said to be dead, having been slain by his gangster friends when the operations proved unsuccessful. Dr. Moran either was buried in a lime kiln on Middle island or drowned in Lake Erie.

After the gang believed that they had thrown off all pursuit, Ma Barker, Fred, her son; Karpis, and a woman friend of the latter went to Florida to enjoy the winter season.

But they had not thrown off pursuit. Federal agents kept constantly on the trail and in February, 1935, they made a raid on a resi-

dence in Florida and killed Ma Barker and the son, Fred.

Karpis and his woman friend apparently sensed trouble or had been tipped off for they fled northward.

Coming to Port Clinton, they obtained a boat and went to Middle island where they felt they were safe for the time being.

But the G-men never gave up. From a bit of information here and another tip there, they finally traced them to their hideout and planned a raid.

But something went amiss and when the agents went to the island they found their prey gone. It is understood that, as a result of the failure of the raid, several participating were dropped from the service.

Karpis and Campbell slipped in and out of Toledo at frequent intervals. They never stayed at the same place twice if it could be helped and never together. Any contact that they made was not made by telegraph or telephone but always by a personal messenger. They were taking no chances.

The G-men quickly learned that they were in this territory and began a systematic search. They felt certain that the criminals were being assisted in this city. It is this angle of the case that probably will result in further arrests shortly.

The funds of the gang were replenished at intervals by raids on banks but the one big mistake and the mistake that probably led to the capture of Karpis and Campbell was the Garrettsville mail job.

In order to procure suitable getaway means, Karpis went to Port

Clinton and contacted John Zetzer, a garage man who also is an airplane pilot. Karpis arranged for the renting of a plane but did not say what would be his destination.

It was arranged that Zetzer was to take Karpis on Nov. 5 but he did not appear. Two days later and one day after the robbery, Karpis and two other men appeared at Port Clinton and had Zetzer fly them to Tulsa. One of these men was Karpis, the other was Fred Hunter, arrested with him in New Orleans, and the third was Coker.

After he and his passengers parted company in Tulsa and Hot Springs, Ark., Zetzer flew the plane back to Port Clinton and turned it back to its Toledo owner.

It also is reported in underworld circles that the mailbags seized in the robbery were taken to Port Clinton and burned.

Karpis has been traced by his frequent purchases of bichloride of mercury. When the trail of mercury purchases led to Toledo and Port Clinton, the G-men took Zetzer into custody.

Zetzer was brought to Toledo and also taken to Cleveland for questioning. All the time the Port Clinton residents thought he had been kidnaped he was being quizzed regarding what he knew about the gang's activities.

Zetzer told them he had taken the men to Hot Springs and a raid was made there but it was fruitless.

Zetzer was released and apparently the search for Karpis and Campbell had died down. Then a member of the gang, John Brock, was captured in Youngstown. Whether he talked or not is not known, but it was shortly after he was taken in custody that Karpis was arrested.

Yesterday it was reported Karpis was talking, too. Then came the raids in Toledo early today.

G-men, it was said today, in the meantime had learned that Campbell was making Toledo his headquarters. He was reported to have had hideouts in the North End, in the Adams street street district and other places.

He is said to have been daring, or foolish, enough to appear at downtown night clubs, even though his lameness would be certain to give him away if some keen-eyed sleuth wanted to arrest him.

That the G-men are certain Campbell was harbored in Toledo by several persons, is to be expected, and additional arrests in this city as well as other cities would not be surprising in view of a statement made by Hoover after Karpis' arrest that the gang had been sheltered in three mid-west towns and the government intended taking action against the guilty parties. He did not, however, designate the cities.

Middle island, where Campbell and Karpis made their headquarters for a time, was used as a base for liquor operations during prohibition days. There were two small shacks on the island during those days and today there is a 31-room hotel.

A raid on a Monroe street resort was made several months ago in the hope that some of the gang might have been making it a headquarters.

The Monroe street address where Campbell was captured, however, is a different location.

Campbell was known as Lampy

to his companions as Karpis was known as Old Creepy. He operated under a dozen aliases and his activities carried him into half the states of the union.

The specific indictment against Campbell was returned in November, 1934. It charges that Campbell, also known as George Winfield, was one of three persons who kidnaped Bremer.

The indictment charges that Karpis also participated in the actual kidnaping. A price of \$2500 was set on Campbell's head by the government a short time ago.

Following its usual custom the announcement of Campbell's capture was not made immediately. Hoover and his aides had reached Cleveland before he made public the arrests. He disclosed that he flew to Toledo from Washington last night and directed Campbell's capture. He also led in the capture of Karpis.

Hoover said that the reward will not be paid because "full credit for the capture goes to the G-men." He charged postal inspectors with lack of cooperation.

"I want it understood that the G-men receive full credit for rounding up the entire Karpis-Barker gang," he said. "The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it, and there was noticeable lack of cooperation on the part of the postal inspectors."

He refused to enlarge on this statement but it is reported that Hoover was incensed because the postoffice men picked up one of his contact men.

## SCENE OF CAMPBELL'S CAPTURE



This little apartment building at 2132 Monroe street, harbored Harry Campbell, notorious outlaw, until today when before dawn J. Edgar Hoover, famous G-man and his aides paid a surprise visit there. The last survivor of the Karpis gang and a woman presumably his wife were trapped by the raiders.

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# Harry Campbell, Karpis Aide, Caught by Federal Agents

**Accused Robber and Kidnaper Makes Only Slight Resistance—Cash And Ammunition Is Seized by G-Men—Prisoner Was in Shore Shooting**

Campbell was the only remaining member of the Karpis-Barker gang and was arrested by Hoover at 5 o'clock this morning.

Hoover brought Campbell to Cleveland by airplane and then sent him to St. Paul under guard of Federal Agents.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second floor apartment. They found a woman, who Hoover said was Campbell's wife, in the apartment with him.

The girl was brought to Cleveland but was not placed under arrest.

Investigators found \$2,900 in cash, a revolver, and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

## Home in Toledo

Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo five months, or almost constantly since the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery, which he and Karpis allegedly directed last November.

He had been in and out of Toledo for the last 18 months.

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker, while he was held captive after being kidnaped.

In another raid at Toledo, Federal agents captured Sam Coker, on parole from the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker was held in the Department of Justice office here pending return to Oklahoma for parole violation.



**Harry Campbell**

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob, but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

## Unaware of Identity

Campbell was married, Hoover said, in May, 1935, at Bowling Green, Ohio. He did not think she knew who Campbell really was.

Campbell's prison record dates back to 1920, but he did not join the Karpis-Barker gang until shortly before it was broken up by death of some members and imprisonment of others. His chief claim to notoriety rests on the fray in Atlantic City in January, 1935, when he and Alvin Karpis shot their way to freedom from a hotel-room hideout in which they had been cornered by local police.

Campbell is 36 years old, a native of McClintocville, Pa.

CLEVELAND, May 7 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, today announced that Harry Campbell, companion of Alvin Karpis, has been captured in Toledo, O.

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## KARPIS' PRIVATE ARSENAL



This striking picture, released by the United States Department of Justice, shows what the well-known public enemy carries by way of tools of his trade. The pistols and rifles were taken from the Karpis apartment in New Orleans and are shown in the rear of the car he used. A new G-man picture of Karpis is at right.



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## Alvin Karpis Loses His Dapper Front As County Jail Guest

Alvin F. Karpis enjoyed his breakfast today at Ramsey county jail after the first good night's sleep since his capture at New Orleans Friday evening.

He was removed from the federal courts building Wednesday at 4 p.

### Karpis Gets Religious Tract For Fitzgerald

Among the fan mail received by Alvin Karpis during his stay in the federal courts building were a number of "religious" pamphlets. When he left the building for the jail he asked for one of them.

The G-men thought Karpis was taking up religion, but he told them he wanted the pamphlet to give to "Old Man" Fitzgerald, "who hasn't got very long to live."

Charles Fitzgerald, the alleged handshaker in the William Hamm kidnaping, is in Ramsey county jail awaiting trial. He is 62.

m. after 103 hours' grilling by G-men. It was rumored that since 9 a. m. Saturday when he was brought to St. Paul he had less than 12 hours of sleep.

He was far from the dapper, well dressed Karpis that arrived at the 100th air squadron hanger Saturday when he was taken to the clerk of federal district court office for bail arrangement. His khaki-colored trousers, well pressed when he got off the plane here, were wrinkled and out of shape, his well-laundered white shirt also was wrinkled and he was wearing a brown sweater. He still had his straw hat.

Despite his weary feeling, his sense of humor did not desert him.

When William Eckley, deputy clerk, told him that there were five counts against him—three in the Bremer case (two for conspiracy and one for kidnaping) and two on the Hamm case, conspiracy and kidnaping, and said the bail would be \$100,000 on each count or \$500,000 all told, Karpis asked him to repeat it—"slower this time, please."

Mr. Eckley repeated and added "can you furnish it?"

"Well hardly today," was Karpis reply as he smiled at the half score of heavily-armed G-men and United States deputy marshals.

It was in the clerk's office that Karpis hurled a verbal attack on newspapermen. One of the reporters asked him if he would pose for a picture. After a number of vile adjectives Karpis said: "If you fellows had printed at least half of the truth things would not be so bad."

At the county jail he said he was

### Karpis' Credit Good At Ramsey Jail

Although federal agents stripped Alvin Karpis of money he carried in his pockets, his credit is good at the county jail. Cigarets and candy or other luxuries are sent to Karpis' cell by Emery Clevett, chief jailer, who said he "would trust Karpis awhile."

a baker, 28 years old, born in Montreal. He had an eighth grade school education and his home address is 2842 Francisco ave., Chicago. His closest relatives are his father and mother "make it my mother only" he said as an after thought.

When he gave his full name Alvin Francis Karpis, he looked about him and smiled, as though he was half ashamed of it.

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## "TO HELL WITH YOU," SAYS KARPIS;

### CAMERA GETS HIM

Asked to pose for pictures after G-men had finished their five-day quizzing of him, ALVIN KARPIS, cowed public enemy No. 1, bristled and said, "If you fellows hadn't printed a lot of lies about me it would be different. But if you had printed the truth, I wouldn't be where I am today. So to hell with you!" But the cameramen got their pictures, and the cameras didn't lie.

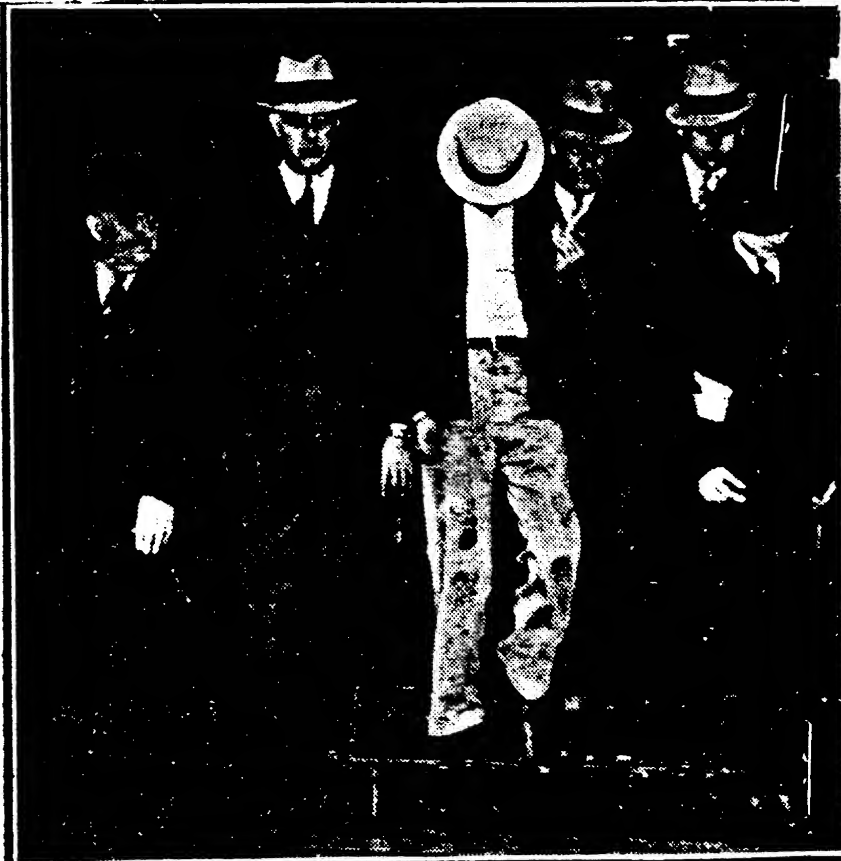
either, as they caught the now timorous, dapper little gunman as G-men led him to quarters in the Ramsey county jail after they had finished quizzing him. Left at the top is KARPIS, avoiding the lens, as a corps of agents led him out the door of the federal courts building. In the center he is shown walking up the steps at the jail, and at the right is a pose that G-men

have been trying to get of him for years—with his back toward the street and his face turned toward a jail door.

Mr. Alvin Karpis took up his new address Ramsey county jail. At the left is his host, J.A. CLEWETT; center is a view of his new "apartments" right KARPIS himself demonstrates how one can in cramped quarters.

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# KARPIS PALS CAPTURED IN OHIO

## G-Men Seize Coker And Campbell, Last Of Kidnap Gang

*Noted Courtney Ryley Cooper, novelist, magazine and mystery-story writer and crime expert, today, on Page 1, Part 2, continues his series of stories on KARPIS, ENEMY OF SOCIETY.*

International News Service.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—

The G-Men today wiped out the last remnants of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang with the arrest of Harry Campbell, reputed "brains of the gang," and Sam Coker, a minor member of the ring, in two Toledo raids.

G. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Identification, personally led a large force of agents in the raids. Both men were seized without the firing of a shot in the same fashion that Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, a henchman, were seized last Friday night in New Orleans.

### YOUNG BRIDE ARRESTED

Campbell's girl bride, described by Hoover as "just an innocent little girl" who is not suspected of any part in the gang's crimes, also was taken into custody but probably will be released later after questioning.

The arrests, Hoover said, clean up the major angles of the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul.

The two raids were accomplished in utmost secrecy. Hoover

flew from Washington to Toledo last night. At 5 a. m. today, the G-Men struck. Campbell and his 20-year-old wife were seized in an apartment house, and Coker, a 40-year-old Oklahoma parolee-robber, in a private residence nearby.

Swiftly the two men were whisked by chartered plane to Cleveland. There Campbell's wife and Coker were taken quietly by Hoover and several agents to the office of J. P. McFarland, head of the Bureau of Investigation unit here, and Campbell taken on by plane to St. Paul.

### DETAILS KEPT SECRET

Not until Hoover, unshaven and tired, made his announcement in McFarland's office in a downtown skyscraper, was the seizure of the two long-sought gangsters revealed.

Contrary to his usual practice of issuing short announcements, Hoover conversed at length with newspapermen. Only as to the details of the raids was he reticent.

Campbell, whom he described as "one of the most notorious desperadoes to come out of the southwest in 10 years," and the co-planner with Karpis of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, will be charged with kidnaping in that case, Hoover said.

Coker will be returned to Oklahoma, where he faces a prison term of 18 years as a parole violator. Oklahoma officials were notified of his capture and word was expected from them today as to when they would send officers for him.

### POLITICAL TIE-UP SEEN

Hoover made the surprising disclosure that Karpis and his entire gang hid out in Cleveland during the fall and summer of 1934. There is evidence to show, he declared, that the gang was "tied up with some petty politicians in Cleveland."

Dr. Joseph Moran, who performed fingerprint and face lifting operations on members of the gang, was with the mob in Cleveland, Hoover learned, but now the chief of the G-men declared, "Moran is at the bottom of Lake Erie."

The \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture will not be paid, Hoover said, because "full credit for the capture goes to the G-men." He charged postal inspectors with lack of co-operation. He declared:

"I want it understood, that the G-men receive full credit for rounding up the entire Karpis-Barker gang."

"The postal inspectors had nothing to do with it, and there was noticeable lack of co-operation on the part of the postal inspectors."

### DESCRIBED BY BREMER

He refused to enlarge on this statement.

Hoover declared that Karpis and Campbell, known as "limp" because of a slight limp, together plotted the kidnaping of Bremer, president of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, on January 17, 1934. Bremer was released the following February 7 after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Hoover said:

"Campbell and Karpis engineered this kidnaping and we have evidence to show that they are the two men described by Bremer as those who stood beside him and struck him, several times while he was being held in the gang's hide-out."

The Bremer charge is not the only one against Campbell, for the 36-year-old mobster had a "long career of murder, burglaries, safe-cracking and other crimes."

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### Taking Glamour Out of Crime

THERE was major significance in the qualification added by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-Men, to his announcement of the taking of Karpis, notorious kidnaper who had managed to elude the authorities for two years. "We've captured Alvin Karpis, generally known as Public Enemy No. 1—but not to us."

When Mr. Hoover did not say who No. 1 public enemy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation might be, it was quickly assumed that possibly the highest rating Karpis—or any other desperado, for that matter—could get with the G-Men would be "Public Rat No. 1." No matter how clever or how audacious a criminal might be, it is the definite policy of the Department of Justice Bureau to depreciate him—publicly—and there is, of course, a most important reason behind this.

There was a time when the maudlin sentiment over so-called big-time criminals in this country was so marked that public opinion as a whole was reproached with charges of indifference to the condition. Certain it is that a wave of unjustified paroles swept over the country; some officers referred to desperate prisoners as their "pals," one even posing for a picture with an arm affectionately about Dillinger.

One of the first objectives of the G-Men was to smash that perverted sentiment and recall the country to proper support of the law. So Mr. Hoover lost no time in tearing into the "fiddle-faced reformers" and "convict lovers" who wove romances about spectacular murderers and bandits.

As for Karpis, who was never going to be taken alive and who was going to kill Hoover on sight—"he was so scared when the law finally closed in on him that he couldn't talk. His was a false courage. Gangsters seldom have any real courage. They are all yellow dogs."

The only comment necessary—and it is of the utmost importance—is to note that more and more boys are now going to grow up to be G-Men.

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## A Neat Piece Of Work

EDGAR HOOVER, chief G-man, felt rather chesty about the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, bad man. It was a pretty neat piece of work, achieved though after the menace had been at large a much longer time than seems necessary. It is something of a reflection on our law enforcement system that "big shot" gangsters can do a big job of kidnaping, robbing or murdering and avoid well-trained sleuths while enjoying lives of luxury and comfort.

Hoover reported the long-sought criminal was "scared out of his wits" when the federal agents closed in on him to interfere with the career of "a quiet young man interested in hunting and fishing," as he was known in the New Orleans neighborhood where he lived. Of course his teeth chattered and his body shivered when he suddenly found himself face to face with a bevy of well-aimed shooting irons.

Most of the hardened so-called killers slink like a coyote when they get in a tight place. The only time they show "bravery" is when the breaks are with them and they have an ax poised over their helpless victim's head. When chances are even they do not display the courage accredited to them.

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# GANGSTER IS TAKEN WITHOUT STRUGGLE

YOUNG WIFE IS  
HELD BY AGENTS  
Desperado Caught In  
Hideout At  
Toledo

CLEVELAND, May 14 (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, federal bureau of investigation chief, announced here that Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang, a woman described as his wife and Sam Cokar, a minor gangland figure, were captured by federal agents early today at Toledo, O.

Hoover said the capture was effected without the firing of a shot. Campbell was taken to St. Paul, Minn., by airplane to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, he said.

Campbell showed when Hoover termed a "little resistance" when the agents apprehended him.

## LAST OF GANG

"We have the last of the Karpis gang," Hoover said. Federal men surprised Campbell and the woman in a Toledo apartment.

On Campbell's wrist, the agents found a .45 caliber revolver and six clips of shells. Hoover said. Agents said the woman claimed to have married Campbell at Bowling Green, O., in 1934. She gave her age as 19 years.

## INVESTIGATE POLITICIANS

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934, they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians and are now investigating very closely of this angle.

The bureau charged members of the Karpis gang with lifting and fleeing print and news papers from a Cleveland newspaper.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operation. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Hoover said that Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything about his criminal career. She probably will be released, he said.

## FLIES TO TOLEDO

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the federal men. He said he would fly from Cleveland to New York late today.

Hoover said Campbell probably will be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator, where an unfinished 30-year sentence for bank robbery still stands against him.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who was the last of the public enemy. Karpis was taken in a similar manner without gunfire in a farmhouse near New Orleans, residence of the gang.

Karpis became famous nationally after federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, in a gun battle in Tucson.

## SHOT WAY OUT

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen automobile, shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel in a battle with police and escaped to the middle west, where abducting a Pennsylvania doctor to obtain his automobile.

Campbell was captured together with Karpis and Fred Hunter, taken with the former in New Orleans, with a \$45,000 mortgage gun mail train robbery last year at Gainesville, O.

## SURROUND BUILDING

The federal men surrounded the two-story apartment building where Campbell was hiding out. Hoover refused to say how many men were in the raiding party. Men were seized as they emerged from the building just at daybreak. Campbell was fought slightly but was overpowered. Hoover said Cokar, 40, was taken after another fight at another place.

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### Undeserved Clemency

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Yet no one can deny that a sensible system of clemency when judicially exercised has a very worthy place in society. When repentance is genuine and when reformation is undoubted it is the part of both wisdom and mercy to give the offenders another chance. It is merely unfortunate that the favored offender sometimes turns back to criminal ways. It is highly unfortunate that some judges and some executives are altogether too careless in the extension of clemency.

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## Convict Told How Campbell Killed Lawyer

\$3,200 Fee Reported Cause  
Of Fatal Argument.

TULSA, May 7.—(AP)—Harry Campbell, much wanted police character in this section long before he became the companion in crime of Alvin Karpis, is wanted in Claremore, Rogers county, Okla., in the slaying of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa criminal attorney.



J. Earl Smith

Smith was slain Aug. 19, 1932, and his body was found on a dirt road near the Indian Hills Country club outside of Tulsa.

Campbell was named in the slaying by Jimmy Lawson, life term in the Kansas state penitentiary who was brought here to make a statement of the circumstances of the slaying.

John Evans, Tulsa county chief criminal deputy, said the Lawson statement made February 28, bore out the police theory of the Smith slaying.

Smith was attorney for Harvey Bailey, who was given a life sentence in Kansas, escaped, and later was tried and sentenced to life in the Urschel kidnaping at Oklahoma City.

### May Not Seek Prisoner

Sheriff Garland Marrs said Thursday he doubted whether Campbell's removal here would be sought.

"I believe the G-men have too many other good cases against him," Marrs said.

Lawson's story of the Smith slaying was that he, Campbell and Eddie Snyder, now serving 25 years in Oklahoma state prison for robbery, met Smith on the Indian Hills road.

Smith, he said, had just returned from Kansas and was seeking to collect from Campbell a \$3,200 attorney's fee for representing Campbell and Glenn Roy Wright in a robbery case growing out of the burglary of the H. F. Wilcox Oil Co. here. Both men jumped \$10,000 bond in that case.

Wright later was convicted on another robbery charge and is serving a term in McAlester penitentiary.

### Campbell Did Shooting

Lawson's statement laid the actual slaying to Campbell, though he said Snyder hit Smith on the head when Campbell yelled, "Give it to him." Then, he said, Campbell shot Smith and just before the attorney died, laid him beside the road.

In their investigation of the killing police learned Smith had telephoned Campbell several times just prior to his death and tried to arrange the meeting.

"When I argued with Campbell for getting me involved in a murder," Campbell said, "it is the biggest break you could get," inferring I now could join the Karpis gang." Lawson told police here.

After the Smith slaying, Lawson said, he, Campbell and George "Burrhead" Keady went to Ohio. Keady is held in the \$50,000 Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery. He was alleged to have furnished the Karpis gang with some of the men who took part in the robbery.

Keady was arrested here and taken by plane to Ohio.

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### Turning Tide

The reign of the vice overlords in the United States, which had its origin and reached full flower during the prohibition era, will be recalled now as something in the nature of a weird nightmare. For a time, one of the darkest periods of the nation's history, the dominance of the great mob was not to be questioned seriously. They were above or beyond the law.

With the millions that flowed through their hands from innumerable sources, all traceable to vice in one form or another, they controlled police organizations, corrupted judges and legislators and purchased freedom and immunity. Not even murder brought them within the law's pale. It was only internecine warfare they feared—death at the hands of a rival gangster.

Capone will always remain the symbol of this dark era. Chicago and its environs constituted his realm, but, although known as a murderer and the employer of murderers, a thief and a corruptionist, he moved freely from place to place, always with his retinue of gunmen, migrating with the seasons, living in luxury and with the supreme contempt for all who represented the law and justice. He had had experience with them and found them to be amenable to corruption. Many of them were on his pay roll and they dared not touch him. He was but one of many. Most of them died with their shoes on. Others lived to face the problems of a changing order. They are in jail.

With repeal, the great profits went out of the illicit liquor industry. Most of the racketeers which the industry created, however, turned their criminal talents to other fields of endeavor, such as kidnaping, commercialized vice and the various "protection" rackets. Happily, this situation has been met through a regeneration of the forces of law.

The arrest of Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bank robber, police killer, taken after a relentless search of three years by federal agents, is another heartening sign that the outlaws' days of ascendancy are over.

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# 'CAMPBELL WAS A GENTLEMAN'

Toledo Chum of Gangster's Wife Tells Own Story of 'Loving Couple'

By ESTHER GOULET  
As told to Ed Edmiston

I HAVE known Harry Campbell, the Karpis gangster, for almost a year. His wife, Gertrude, has been my chum for more than three years.

But in all that time I had no idea that the smiling, stocky, dark haired man was a desperate gangster, pursued across the country by federal officers.

I had thought of him as a perfect gentleman, and a perfect husband to the little girl I knew so well. They were always together, and seemingly such a loving pair that nobody ever had a suspicion that "Bob Miller," as I knew him, was a notorious gangster.

Met Her at Dance.

I met Gertrude Billeter, whom I afterwards knew as Mrs. Miller, at a dance. We became friends, and when she left her father's home three years ago she came to live with me, working for my mother at Goulet's Grill, 2130 Monroe Street.

She was a pretty girl, with dark brown, curly hair, hazel eyes, always smiling. She had "dates" with boys now and then. They were always nice fellows. She seemed to pick them like that.

I have no idea when or where she met the man she knew as "Bob Miller." It must not have been more than a year ago. But she was madly in love with him.

Quiet and Unassuming.

After they were married she brought him to the Grill. He seemed a splendid sort of fellow—a quiet, unassuming man who didn't have much to say, liked baseball, drank a little beer now and then, and spent most of his time in the company of his wife.

He always had money, and he spent freely, but not wildly. I never saw him drunk, or even drinking heavily. And I never saw him working, or knew exactly what he did.

I asked Gertrude one day what "Bob" did for a living. She told me he operated a string of slot machines and got a pretty good income from them. Now I'm sure I really believe that.

and positive Gertrude never saw, until this morning, what her husband had done, or where he was. They seemed so ideally happy all the time that she could not have had any worries. And I believe it was when she had learned of "Bob's" connection with the Karpis Gang she would have confided in me.

It must have been a terrible shock to her when the G-men burst into their apartment this morning to carry her husband to jail. I believe they will find she is perfectly innocent, that she never knew or even suspected that the man who was her husband was the notorious Harry Campbell.

Didn't Care for Dancing.

If they had any friends here, I never knew them. They spent most of their time at home or at the movies. The few times I was at their apartment I noticed a lot of books and magazines. Gertrude told me that both "Bob" and herself read a lot.

She used to like to dance, but since their marriage she had not been to any dances, she once told me. "Bob" did not care for dancing.

Certainly there was nothing about "Bob Miller" to suggest the kind of gangster I've seen in the movies. Gertrude's husband was a quiet, ordinary looking man.

I never heard him swear or use coarse language, and I never even heard him use slang. He always acted like a gentleman—not like the dashing, swaggering crooks I had watched on the screen.

I believe Gertrude had the same notion of gangs, and that she was as astonished as I was to learn of her husband's identity.

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## STORY OF CAPTURE IS TOLD BY WOMAN

Awakens as G-Men Surround  
Apartment, Seize Bandit

By MRS. GERALD FOSNAUGHT  
As told to Ed Edmiston.

I SAW the arrest of the last of the Karpis gang—not knowing that the man who had lived next door to me was a fugitive from justice, badly wanted by the G-men.

This morning, about 5 o'clock, I was awakened by sounds on the stairs alongside the second-story apartment where we live. Looking out the window I saw four cars pulled up to the curb. Men were getting out of them, some carrying sawed off shotguns, and some carrying suitcases.

Four men remained on the street looking up at the windows of the apartment across the hall from ours. The rest of them, more than a dozen, I thought, came up the stairs hurriedly. Some went down the hall to the back door of the building, while the rest of them stayed in the hall in front of Apartment No. 1.

THEY pounded on the door. A woman's voice answered them. It was Gertrude Miller's voice.

"What do you want?" she asked.

"We are federal officers and we're coming in," a man answered. Then they beat on the door again. When the door was opened I heard them file into the room. There were scuffling sounds as if they were moving the furniture around.

In a few minutes they came out the door again, leading the man I knew as "Mr. Miller." His feet were chained and he was handcuffed to two of the officers. He wore a dark blue suit and a light blue hat. The attractive little girl I knew as "Gertrude Miller" was brought out next. She was wearing a blue-check sports coat. She was crying.

Did not know what was going on when they came. I saw the men go in. The detectives rushed them into a car and drove away. I saw the car go.

About a half-hour later another car drove up to the curb in front of the apartment. Several men came up the stairs and went into the apartment. I heard them moving around, apparently searching for something. I suppose they were G-men, too.

Perhaps we should have expected something of the sort, as there were things that made me a little suspicious of the pair when they first came to the apartment last November.

FOR ONE thing, they never seemed to mix with others in the apartment, and for another Mrs. Miller, or "Gert" as she was known, told the rental agent that her husband was a bartender at Goulet's Grill, a few doors away. But he was not employed there and nobody around here ever knew where he worked, if he did.

But he certainly did not look like a desperate criminal. He was well-dressed and courteous and always well-behaved. The couple seldom made any noise. In fact, we heard very little of them.

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# **Public Enemy Ditched, They're Public Rats**

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CLEVELAND, May 7 (U.P.).  
J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, would like to have the nation's most notorious criminals referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

"Criminals are very vain," he said in announcing the capture of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang. "They like to be called 'Public Enemy No. 1.' I wish newspapers would start calling them 'public rats.'"

Accordingly, William Mahan, kidnaper of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, now is Public Rat No. 1 in Mr. Hoover's estimation.

He was asked on whom the Federal agents were concentrating now.

"We're after Mahan," Mr. Hoover said, "and we'll catch him too."

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Harry Campbell Arrested in Toledo—G-Men Also Capture Oklahoma Outlaw.

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**TOLEDO, Ohio, May 7.**—Harry Campbell, only remaining principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, was captured at dawn today personally by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover and his aids put Campbell on a chartered plane bound for St. Paul where he is wanted for his part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, in January, 1934.

Mr. Hoover and his investigators slipped in and out of Toledo quietly. They encountered little resistance when they broke into Campbell's front apartment on the second floor of a store building. They found \$2,900 in cash, an automatic and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

With Campbell was his wife, attractive brunette, 22. She was held for questioning in Cleveland, but was not placed under arrest.

Mr. Hoover said he doubted that she knew her husband's identity. They were married a year ago in Bowling Green, Ohio. Campbell used the name Bob Miller, the same name under which he lived here.

Half an hour after Campbell was captured Mr. Hoover arrested Sam Coker, Oklahoma convict and associate of Alvin Karpis, who was taken in New Orleans Friday night.

Coker was living with an aged couple suffering from heart trouble, and Mr. Hoover used extreme precaution not to excite them. Coker will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Mr. Hoover disclosed after the raids that Dr. Joseph Moran, of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis-Barker gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is believed to be "at the bottom of Lake Erie."

"We are not checking him off our list yet," Mr. Hoover remarked, "but

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we believe gangsters killed him in fear he would squeal."

Files from Washington.  
 As in the capture of Karpis, Mr. Hoover flew from Washington last night to lead the raid personally. The \$2,500 federal reward will not be paid as the G-men tracked Campbell down without any tips.

Mr. Hoover revealed that Campbell had been living here for the last five months and had been in and out of Toledo for the last year and a half.

He said Campbell and Karpis parted after the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery last November. Karpis went south and Campbell remained in Ohio.

Campbell had no chance to reach his gun and shoot it out with federal agents.

"Yellow Like Rest."  
 "He was yellow just like all the rest of them," Mr. Hoover said. "As soon as they see you mean business they wilt."

The Bureau of Investigation will immediately intensify its search for doctors, politicians and others who aided the Karpis-Barker gang.

Mr. Hoover disclosed that most of the gang hid in Cleveland in the summer of 1934. They were tipped off by "crooked Cleveland politicians with police connections" that a federal raid was planned and fled.

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**Hunter, Karpis Friend,  
Held in \$200,000 Bail**

**Jailed in New Orleans, Charged  
With Harboring Fugitive**

NEW ORLEANS, May 6 (AP).—Fred Hunter, mail robbery suspect arrested here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, was placed in Federal jail under \$200,000 bond today on a charge of "harboring and concealing" Karpis. Hunter is expected to be held here pending a decision as to what charges he will be tried on first. He is a suspect in the \$46,000 robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935.

Karpis is in St. Paul, Minn., awaiting trial in the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases. The woman arrested with him and Hunter has been released.

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# BREMER KIDNAP LEADS TO KARPIS' END

## Ma Barker Is Slain in Battle

*COURTNEY Ryley Cooper in this instalment on the life of Alvin Karpis, captured gang-leader, graphically tells the story of the Bremer kidnaping and the death of that sinister figure "Mother Barker." It is the fifth in the series in the Daily Mirror.*

BY  
COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER  
CHAPTER V.

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer was kidnaped, and held in the hideout near Bensonville, Illinois, not to be released for three weeks. After that the gang spent no money and went to no night clubs. Instead Kate Barker only became more motherly than ever, more subdued; and the gang likewise was unobtrusive. But Shotgun George's malady became steadily more dangerous. He still talked too much.

"Do you know what?" he asked one night. "That Bremer money isn't going to be changed into real dough until the heat cools down. It's hidden right now and where do you think it's hidden? In a shed belonging to my woman's uncle wrapped in brown paper. He thinks it's just an old bundle!"

### TALKED TOO MUCH

Again there were the usual admonitions for silence. Shotgun George would not be stilled. The secrets which had been locked for so many years in this man's brain were demanding freedom.

Then came the babbling stage—when they could not silence him. On the night of March 20, 1934, the telephone rang in the Zeigler apartment.

Shotgun George answered.

"Sure I'll come out," he said.

The destination was the restaurant of an old friend on Cermak Road in Cicero. Shotgun George went there, surprising his friend by his visit. They chatted a while, Zeigler again loquacious. Then Shotgun George went through the door to the street.

There were four booming explosions from sawed-off shotguns. Horribly mutilated, the bleeding form of Zeigler sank to the pavement. Shotgun had talked himself to death.

Shotgun George Zeigler could not even be silenced by extinction. Various papers were found on his body, by which investigative Special Agents were able to find his apartment.

Searching there they found evidence leading to a belief that the main amount of the Bremer kidnap money had been split among Zeigler, Karpis, the three Barkers, Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, and Bill Weaver, with other amounts going to Harry Campbell, Doctor Moran, two politicians, and \$3,000 to Monty Carter.

Apartments were hastily abandoned. St. Paul speakeasy owners and contact men hurriedly packed and, with their women, left town. The Barker-Karpis boys, suddenly desperate, sought the services of "Doc" Moran. This time there would be no more burning with caustics, such as had failed to mutilate the fingers of

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Dillinger, Van Meter and Baby Face Nelson.

#### BURN FINGERS

Doc Moran got roaring drunk and slashed the flesh from the fingers of the boys until only a slight film of lacerated muscle covered the bone. Alvin, Arthur and Fred went home to Mother Barker crying with pain. "Ma" had dyed her hair now.

East and West, the gang criss-crossed finally to split. Arthur Barker and others returned to Chicago. Fred and his mother rented a big white house which stood near Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida.

Then came a newspaper article which stated that 16 heavily armed Special Agents had surrounded an apartment house in Chicago and with tear-gas bombs had driven members of the Barker-Karpis gang into the open.

#### GUN FIGHT

There, shielded in bullet-proof vests, they had tried to fight it out. The Special Agents had returned the fire of the desperate members of the crew, shooting with guns which penetrated the bullet-proof vests. Russell Gibson, a dope-fiend member, had fallen dead. Two women had been captured and another man. It was Monty Carter.

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ing, a machine gun hidden behind her, slowly opened the door. The aperture was little more than a crack—enough for the inspector to see her wrinkles, her narrowed eyes, the wattles of her sagging neck.

"Well?" she asked.

"We are Federal officers, Mrs. Barker," the inspector said. "The house is surrounded. If you will come out, one by one, there will be no trouble."

The eyes of the woman kidnaper gleamed maliciously.

"To hell with you, all of you!" she yelled, slamming the door and clawing for her machine gun. Then she called to Fred, upstairs. "Let the damned Feds have it! Shoot!"

#### SURROUNDED

Fred Barker obeyed. The bullets nipped at the inspector's clothing and splattered his shoes with dust. Just then a Special Agent, a lank, rawboned Texan, began shooting with an automatic rifle to distract their attention and draw the fire of Fred and Ma, who now had joined her son upstairs. The ruse worked. The inspector, forgotten for an instant, sped for cover.

The Bureau of Investigation answered the challenge with a burst of machine gun fire. Men were spotted at more than a dozen points; no demand for surrender had been made until every sharpshooter was in his place.

Her eyes streaming from the effects of tear gas, Ma Barker sat concealed at a window, peering outward at intervals in the hope that before she died she might kill a Federal man. It was in vain. A burst of rifle fire tore through the walls and caught her.

She fell upon her own gun, its drum all but emptied. Fred Barker at last caved and dropped with 14 bullets in his body, a super-automatic in an outstretched hand; he had exhausted the drum of his machine gun.

#### MA FALLS

Old Creepy, with his woman, had gone into hiding in southern Florida after their first visit to Oklawaha. Now, with the news of the raid, they began to move, taking Harry Campbell and his radio signer with them.

They were in a stolen car, the number of which was traced to Atlantic City by Florida officials, who did not know the identity of the thieves. Florida wired Atlantic City to chase down the men, who were staying at a small resort hotel.

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Local law-enforcement officials, not knowing the desperation of their quarry, went to the hotel equipped for a battle against such men as Old Creepy and Campbell. The result was a fight in which Karpis and Campbell escaped, abandoning their women. The story of their flight—the kidnaping of a doctor and the events which followed—are recent and well-known. The doctor was terribly frightened.

Gangsters' women—what are they like? In tomorrow's final installment of this Daily Mirror series, Courtney Ryley Cooper tells of them, and how the law treats them too easily.

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# BREMER KIDNAP LEADS TO KARPIS' END

## Ma Barker Is Slain in Battle

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CHAPTER V.

On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer was kidnaped, and held in the hideout near Bensonville, Illinois, not to be released for three weeks. After that the gang spent no money and went to no night clubs. Instead Kate Barker only became more motherly than ever, more subdued; and the gang likewise was unobtrusive. But Shotgun George's malady became steadily more dangerous. He still talked too much.

"Do you know what?" he asked one night. "That Bremer money isn't going to be changed into real dough until the heat cools down. It's hidden right now and where do you think it's hidden? In a shed belonging to my woman's uncle—wrapped in brown paper. He thinks it's just an old bundle!"

### TALKED TOO MUCH

Again there were the usual admonitions for silence. Shotgun George would not be stilled. The secrets which had been locked for so many years in this man's brain were demanding freedom.

Then came the babbling stage—when they could not silence him. On the night of March 20, 1934, the telephone rang in the Zeigler apartment.

Shotgun George answered.

"Sure I'll come out," he said.

The destination was the restaurant of an old friend on Cermak Road in Cicero. Shotgun George went there, surprising his friend by his visit. They chatted a while, Zeigler again loquacious. Then Shotgun George went through the door to the street.

There were four booming explosions from sawed-off shotguns. Horribly mutilated, the bleeding form of Zeigler sank to the pavement. Shotgun had talked himself to death.

Shotgun George Zeigler could not even be silenced by extinction. Various papers were found on his body, by which investigative Special Agents were able to find his apartment.

Searching there they found evidence leading to a belief that the main amount of the Bremer kidnap money had been split among Zeigler, Karpis, the three Barkers, Volney Davis, Russell Gibson, and Bill Weaver, with other amounts going to Harry Campbell, Doctor Moran, two politicians, and \$3,000 to Monty Carter.

Apartments were hastily abandoned. St. Paul speakeasy owners and contact men hurriedly packed and, with their women, left town. The Barker-Karpis boys, suddenly desperate, sought the services of "Doc" Moran. This time there would be no more burning with caustics, such as had failed to mutilate the fingers of

Dillinger, Van Meter and Baby Face Nelson.

#### BURN FINGERS

Doc Moran got roaring drunk and slashed the flesh from the fingers of the boys until only a light film of lacerated muscle covered the bone. Alvin, Arthur and Fred went home to Mother Barker crying with pain. "Ma" had dyed her hair now.

East and West, the gang criss-crossed finally to split. Arthur Barker and others returned to Chicago. Fred and his mother rented a big white house which stood near Lake Weir at Oklawaha, Florida.

Then came a newspaper article which stated that 16 heavily armed Special Agents had surrounded an apartment house in Chicago and with tear-gas bombs had driven members of the Barker-Karpis gang into the open.

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# CAMPBELL IS SEIZED IN TOLEDO

**Federal Agents Take  
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Plane After Surprise  
Raid; Wife Is Not Ar-  
rested.**

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 7.—(U.P.)—Harry Campbell, only remaining principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, was captured at dawn today personally by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Hoover and his aides loaded Campbell on a chartered plane bound for St. Paul where he is wanted for his part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, in January, 1934.

Hoover and his investigators slipped in and out of Toledo quietly. They encountered little resistance when they broke into his front apartment on the second floor of a store building.

## Wife Not Arrested

With Campbell was his wife, attractive 22-year-old brunette. She was held for questioning in Cleveland but was not placed under arrest.

Hoover said he doubted that she knew her husband's identity. They were married a year ago in Bowling Green, Ohio. Campbell used the name "Bob Miller," the same name under which he lived here.

Half an hour after Campbell was captured, Hoover arrested Sam Coker, Oklahoma convict and associate of Alvin Karpis, who was taken in New Orleans Friday night.

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## In Bremer Kidnaping

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night. The raid was staged quietly this morning and the two were immediately brought to Cleveland.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer while he was held captive.

In another raid at Toledo, federal agents captured Sam Coker on parole from the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

## KARPIS GAVE TIP

ST. PAUL, May 7.—(Copyright, 1936, by United Press)—Alvin Karpis, cringing imprisoned gang leader, gave the tip that brought about capture of his chief lieutenant, Harry Campbell, in Toledo, Ohio, a G-man indicated today.

The federal man was waiting at St. Paul airport for arrival of the plane bearing Campbell and his captors.

The federal agent was asked: "Is Karpis going to get the \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture?" "Well," the G-man replied, "he's entitled to it."

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### Karpis, Parolee

As Public Enemy Number One, ALVIN KARPIS was before the public eye for several years. As a prisoner of the G men, KARPIS is just now even more prominently in the picture of law enforcement. But it is as a parolee that KARPIS deserves chief attention.

At sixteen, he was sentenced for stealing, and thereupon began his schooling in crime. He escaped. Then he was picked up with burglary equipment, and shortly paroled. Next he turned up as a robber, and got another prison sentence. From this latter term he was also paroled. By this time he was a confirmed public enemy.

The foundation of this career in crime was laid in State prisons. But its furtherance was accomplished in the status of a paroled criminal, freed by State authorities. We may wish sincerely for measures that will make men of prisoners, instead of criminals, and we may look softly to the parole system as an agency for such rehabilitation. That is what parole is, in theory, and facts often support the theory. But the suspicion is growing that this is partly luck, this reform. And the answer, ~~is one of the answers to the inadequacy of~~ parole supervision, just as is the inadequacy of the probation system.

KARPIS had not been a Federal prisoner until just now. Hence he could not have been a Federal parolee. The blame for inadequacy of parole lies at the door of States. Maybe this fellow was too tough a criminal for any parole system. Certainly he is now too tough for anybody but G men to get. Nobody representing the law of any State did get him after he became so tough.

Most of all, State officers fell short of being equal to the task that the G men undertake so relentlessly. State officers do not keep everlastingly at it, as G men do. And before that activity, State parole officers fell short of effective functioning. The key to the Karpis career, you may see is parole breakdown.

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# TURNING TIDE.

The reign of the vice overlords in the United States, which had its origin and reached full flower during the prohibition era, will be recalled now as something in the nature of a weird nightmare. For a time, one of the darkest periods of the nation's history, the dominance of the great mob leaders was not to be questioned seriously. They were above or beyond the law.

With the millions that flowed through their hands from innumerable sources, all traceable to vice in one form or another, they controlled police organizations, corrupted judges and legislators and purchased freedom and immunity. Not even murder brought them within the law's pale. It was only internecine warfare they feared—death at the hands of a rival gangster.

Capone will always remain the symbol of this dark era. Chicago and its environs constituted his realm, but, although known as a murderer and the employer of murderers, a thief and a corruptionist, he moved freely from place to place, always with his retinue of gunmen, migrating with the seasons, living in luxury and with the supreme contempt for all who represented the law and justice. He had had experience with them and found them to be amenable to corruption. Many of them were on his payroll and they dared not touch him. He was but one of many. Most of them died with their shoes on. Others lived to face the problems of a changing order. They are in jail.

With repeal the great profits went out of the illicit liquor industry. Most of the racketeers which the industry created, however, turned their criminal talents to other fields of endeavor, such as kidnaping, commercialized vice and the various "protection" rackets. Happily, this situation has been met through a regeneration of the forces of law.

The arrest of Alvin Karpis, kidnaper, bank robber, police killer, taken after a relentless search of three years by Federal agents, is another heartening sign that the outlaws' days of ascendancy are over.

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# G-MEN GET CAMPBELL, LAST OF KARPIS GANG PRISONER PLACED ON AIRPLANE FOR DASH TO ST. PAUL

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Hoodlum Is Wanted There  
in Bremer Kidnaping  
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HIS WIFE ALSO SEIZED

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lums, was captured at dawn  
Thursday in a raid person-  
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Hoover and his aides put Campbell aboard a chartered plane which took him to St. Paul, where he is wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul brewer, in January, 1934.

The big ship landed at St. Paul at 11:55 a. m. (Kansas City time.)

Shortly before the plane's arrival in St. Paul one of the G-men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, trembling leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

**'Entitled to Reward.'**

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "He's entitled to it."

Karpis has been subjected to intensive questioning ever since he

#### NO REWARDS IN CAPTURES OF KARPIS AND CAMPBELL

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(UP)

—No rewards will be paid by the federal government for the capture of Harry Campbell, minor Karpis-Barker gangster, who was taken Thursday in Toledo, or for the capture of Karpis, Thomas D. Quinn, assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, said.

Their capture resulted from tedious tracking down of clues by federal agents less than a month after rewards of \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively had been offered by the department of justice for the arrest of Karpis and Campbell.

Hoover's participation in both captures was believed to be his answer to criticism directed at him by Sen. Kenneth McKeller, who recently asked Hoover if he actually participated in capturing law violators.

was brought, cringing and whimpering—in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr.

Hoover and his investigators slipped in and out of Toledo quietly. They encountered little resistance when they broke into his front apartment on the second floor of a store building.

**His Wife Is Held.**

With Campbell was his 22-year-old wife. She was held for questioning, but was not placed under arrest.

Hoover said he doubted that she knew her husband's identity. They were married a year ago in Bowling Green, O. Campbell used the name

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## CAMPBELL, LAST OF KARPIS GANG, TAKEN BY G-MEN

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"Bob Miller," the same name under which he lived here.

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Coker was living with an aged couple suffering from heart trouble.

#### HOOVER WOULD CALL THEM "PUBLIC RATS."

CLEVELAND, May 7.—(UP)—J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, would like to have the nation's most notorious criminals referred to as "Public Rat No. 1."

"Criminals are vain," he told newsmen in announcing the capture of Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang. "They like to be called 'Public Enemy No. 1.' I wish newspapers would start calling them 'Public Rats.'"

and Hoover used extreme precaution not to excite them. Coker will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

**Believe Doctor Blain.**

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**Flies From Washington.**

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He said Karpis and Campbell were

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Coker was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery in Oklahoma when he was paroled. Coker was taken to the Cleveland department of justice office to await return to Oklahoma for parole revocation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob, but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery. Coker is 40 years old. His home is at Nowata, Ok.

The building in which Campbell was taken was a 2-story store building. Four apartments were on the second floor above a delicatessen. Campbell lived in one of the front apartments.

## CAMPBELL TAKEN

Last of the Karpis Gang Falls  
Into Net of Federal Agents  
in Toledo.

### SEIZED WITHOUT A SHOT

A Woman and Sam Cokar, a  
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### IN THE BREMER KIDNAPING

Campbell Is Rushed to St. Paul  
by Plane to Face  
Trial.

(By the Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, May 7.—J. Edgar Hoover, federal bureau of investigation chief, announced here that Harry Campbell, last of the Alvin Karpis gang; a woman described as his wife, and Sam Cokar, a minor gangland figure, were captured by federal agents early today at Toledo, O.

Hoover said the capture was effected without the firing of a shot. Campbell was taken to St. Paul by airplane, to face charges in the Edward Bremer kidnaping, he said.

Campbell showed what Hoover termed a "little resistance" when the agents apprehended him.

Agents said the girl claimed to have



HARRY CAMPBELL, LAST OF THE KARPIS GANG AND ACCUSED AS ONE OF THE THREE ACTUAL KIDNAPERS OF EDWARD G. BREMER, ST. PAUL BANKER, CAPTURED IN TOLEDO TODAY.

been married to Campbell at Bowling Green, O., in 1935. She gave her age as 19 years.

#### Politicians Aid Gang

Hoover said that when Karpis and other members of the former Barker-Karpis gang escaped from a trap here in 1934 "they were tipped off by two Cleveland politicians, and we are now investigating every detail of this angle."

The bureau chief said members of the Karpis gang had had face-lifting and fingerprint operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon.

"That doctor probably is dead now," Hoover said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

Hoover said Campbell was married under the name of "Robert Miller" and that his wife did not know anything of his criminal career. She probably would be released, he said.

Hoover flew to Toledo last night to take personal charge of the federal men.

Hoover said Cokar probably would be held for Oklahoma authorities as a parole violator, whose unfinished 20-year sentence for bank robbery still

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#### Week After Karpis's Capture.

Campbell's capture came less than a week after that of Karpis, who bore the label of "public enemy No. 1."

Karpis was taken in similar manner without gunfire in a fashionable New Orleans residential district.

Karpis became known nationally after federal agents killed Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, in a battle in Florida.

Campbell and Karpis fled north in a stolen motor car, shot their way out of an Atlantic City hotel in a battle with police and escaped to the middle West after abducting a Pennsylvania physician to obtain his motor car.

Campbell was charged, together with Karpis and Fred Hunter, taken with the former in New Orleans, with the \$46,000 machine gun mail train robbery last November 7 at Garrettsville, O.

The federal men surrounded the 2-story apartment building where Campbell was hiding out. Hoover refused to say how many men were in the raiding party.

Campbell and his wife were seized as they emerged from the building, just at daybreak. Campbell scuffled slightly, but was covered and overpowered, Hoover said. Campbell was armed.

Cokar, 40, was taken a half hour later at another hideout not far away.

#### HEAVY GUARD ON FLIGHT.

Campbell Is Accused as One of Bremer's Actual Kidnapers.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, May 7.—Harry Campbell was returned to St. Paul under guard of federal agents today.

Campbell, last of twenty-five persons involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, two years ago, was brought here by plane in the same manner as was Alvin Karpis, gang leader, transported to St. Paul from New Orleans last week.

Still wearing leg irons and handcuffs, Campbell was hustled into a motor car by six federal operatives and rushed to the federal building to undergo questioning.

Campbell, who is lame in one leg, is accused by the government of being

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## CAMPBELL TAKEN

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one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer January 17, 1934.

The indictment, returned in November, 1934, charges specifically that Campbell, known also as George Winfield, was one of three persons who waited at a residential district corner for the appearance of Bremer, who

bank robbery at Lincoln County, Ok., sent him to the state penitentiary at McAlester for safe keeping January 30, 1921, but he was discharged on order of the court June 11, 1921.

Campbell's career for the next ten years is a blank on the official record. The next charge against him was one of burglary in Tulsa April 29, 1932. He was released on bond, and the case is still pending.

Official records show his mother, father, wife, three sisters and a brother are in Tulsa or other Oklahoma towns.

(By the Associated Press.)

TULSA, Ok., May 7.—Harry Campbell is wanted in Claremore, Rogers County, Ok., in the slaying of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa lawyer. Smith was slain August 19, 1932, and his body was found on a dirt road near the Indian Hills Country Club outside of Tulsa.

## U. S. Officials Silent on Report Tip Came From Lips of Karpis

ST. PAUL, May 7.—Harry Campbell, gangster captured in Toledo, was rushed here by airplane Thursday to join his former gang pal, Alvin Karpis, who is in jail in default of \$500,000 bond.

Campbell will be questioned in connection with the kidnapers of William Hamm, jr., and Edward G. Bremer. He is under indictment in the Bremer case.

Karpis was transferred to the Ramsey county jail after federal agents fired questions at him for four days at the department of justice offices. He was returned from New Orleans last Saturday.

Federal agents here refused to comment on the report they had broken Karpis to the point where he had furnished information which led Hoover to Campbell's Toledo hideout.

Campbell, who is 35, is under indictment on two counts in the Bremer case—actual kidnaping and conspiracy to kidnap. He has served only six months in prison since he was arrested the first time in 1920 and released after questioning by Tulsa police.

Campbell is a comparatively small man, 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighing approximately 140 pounds.

He was known under a long string of aliases including Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson and George F. Summers.

Of the one-time "big shots" in

gangland, the government's special agents now have captured all but T. H. Robinson, jr., sought for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stohl in Louisville, and William Mahan, wanted for the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser.

Dispatches from Riverside, Cal., Thursday indicated police there are checking a report that Mahan had been seen in that vicinity.

## Campbell Is Wanted for Questioning in Tulsa Lawyer's Death

By United Press.  
TULSA, May 7.—Harry Campbell is wanted in Rogers county, Ok., in one of this state's unsolved crimes—the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa lawyer, in 1932.

Smith, who on several occasions represented members of the Barker-Karpis gang in court, was found beaten and shot to death near Tulsa's exclusive Indian Hills Country club, across the county line in Rogers county.

Campbell, his companion Fred Barker, since killed in a G-man ambush in Florida with his notorious mother, "Ma" Barker, and other members of the gang disappeared from their usual Tulsa haunts.

Jimmie Lawson and Eddie Snyder, two of the gang, since have been captured and are in prison.

It was Lawson who pinned the Smith killing on Campbell.

Lawson told Kansas authorities in March that he accompanied Campbell and Snyder on the death mission. He said Snyder beat Smith with a pistol butt and Campbell shot him, because Campbell owed the lawyer some money for defending him.

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**Campbell Was One of  
"Hard Guys" in Gang**

*International News Service*

WASHINGTON, May 7. — The capture of Harry Campbell by G-men today brought to a close the reckless career of one of the expert "torpedoes" and "hard guys" of the old Karpis-Barker gang — and placed in Federal custody a criminal on whose head was a \$2500 Department of Justice bounty.

Campbell, known as "Limpy" to his intimates because of a game right leg, operated under a dozen aliases, and his activities have carried him into half the states of the Union. His known aliases were Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Wingfield, George Swanson and George F. Summers. He seemed to have a weakness for the name George.

The Karpis-Barker gang "torpedo" was 36 years old, and his description as spread over the Country in Department of Justice pamphlets revealed that the years of lawless life have taken their

toll of him physically. He was born on January 1, 1900, at McClintockville, Pa. He is five feet, five inches and is marked by scars. His teeth, said the Justice Department pamphlet, cryptically, are decayed.

Scars about his eyes and on his left arm, tell a story of narrow squeaks in running from the law.

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#### Hoover's First Arrest.

An INS news writer says there were two reasons why Edgar Hoover, chief of G-men, personally led his agents in arresting Alvin Karpis, known as Public Enemy No. 1, and long wanted by the law enforcement authorities for murder, kidnaping and mail robbery. Karpis had said he would "never be taken alive," and also that he would "get" Hoover. Senator McKellar, in heckling Hoover recently, asked him if he, personally, had ever made an arrest. Hoover at that time had not.

Despite his reputation as a killer, and his braggadocio, Karpis was meek as any lamb when the G-men cornered him. But this fact detracts nothing from the laurels added to the federal bureau of investigation and its agents by the capture of a notorious and dangerous criminal. The methods employed in making the arrest at New Orleans were the best. The procedure was marked by diligence rather than bravado. The quarry was trailed to his hide-out. Information was carefully gathered as to his daily habits. The time for springing the trap was set with the idea of diminishing the likelihood of his showing fight.

The strategy was perfect. Surprised, Karpis and his companions surrendered without resistance. They were handcuffed and on their way to prison under heavy escort before they hardly had time to realize what was happening. Karpis' arrest was Hoover's first.

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## FORMER CANDO MAN CAPTURED WITH RANSOM

**Prisoner Admits Identity,  
Fails to Confess Weyer-  
haeuser Case.**

**KARPIS PAL IS SEIZED**

**Justice Officers Rush  
Campbell to St. Paul  
for Questioning.**

WASHINGTON — (AP)— J. Edgar Hoover announced Thursday the capture of William Mahan, called the remaining principal in the \$200,000 Weyerhaeuser kidnaping.

Hoover said Mahan, a native of Cando, N. D., was taken in San Francisco this noon.

He made the announcement upon returning to the capital from the arrest at Toledo, Ohio, of Har-

### **Born Near Cando**

CANDO, N. D.—(SPECIAL)— William Mahan, alias Drainard, captured in San Francisco in connection with the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping, was born in Towner county 32 years ago. His parents operated a farm seven miles northwest of Cando and it was there that Mahan lived while attending a rural school. Cando was the family's trading point. The family moved to Canada about 20 years ago, but Mahan was reported to have visited this district two years ago.

ry Campbell, pal of Alvin Karpis who was wanted in connection with the Edward Bremer kidnaping and an auto-theft robbery.

### **\$7,200 Is Located**

Hoover said Mahan had \$7,200 on his person when federal agents apprehended him on Mimosy street.

Some of the money was Weyerhaeuser ransom money, Hoover said, on which the serial numbers had been altered.

Hoover said Mahan admitted his identity, but did not confess to the crime.

When a reporter asked "did he confess?" Hoover replied: "He didn't need to confess. We've got enough evidence to convict him."

Hoover said Mahan was taken without any shots being fired. He was unarmed.

### **Rushed to Tacoma**

Mahan was being removed this afternoon to Tacoma, Washington, for arraignment for the May 24, 1935 kidnaping of nine year old George Weyerhaeuser. A \$200,000 ransom was paid for the boy's release.

Hoover said the ransom money had been turning up at regular intervals in various places in the Pacific northwest, with the serial numbers altered. Crime technicians in the bureau's laboratory here he told newsmen were able to identify positively the altered notes.

Little George Weyerhaeuser, son of J. B. Weyerhaeuser Jr., a prominent Tacoma, Wash., lumberman, disappeared as he was on his way home from school for lunch.

### **Known as Drainard**

Mahan, alias William Drainard, was hunted up and down the west coast and into the northwest. He has been reported in "scares" from many parts of the country since the man-hunt which made him a "public enemy" began. Death of two Washington state police officers within a month after the kidnaping was laid to him by some officers, and he was suspected of other crimes committed since the chase began.

"G men" took up the Mahan trail in earnest when Harmon Metz Waley and Margaret, his wife, were captured in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their confession implicated the former blacksmith and auto mechanic. Waley is serving a long term in Alcatraz island, Calif., penitentiary and his wife is locked up with other gangster "molls" in the federal jail at Milan, Mich.

Shortly after the Waleys confessed, a Butte, Mont., police officer saw Mahan flee from his parked green sedan when the officer approached. Mahan escaped, but \$15,000 of the ransom bills were found in the car.

### **Find Ransom Cache**

Finding of the "hideout" house and a cache of \$30,700 of the ransom money in historic immigration canyon, five miles from Salt Lake City, Utah, also followed the Waley confession.

George was held eight days in a "two-gabled" house and finally released on the road near Isaquah, Wash., 25 miles from Tacoma, after the \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

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## MAHAN NABBED BY FEDERAL MEN

The boy said his captors addressed each other as "Harry, Bill and Alvin," and that he had seen six men during his captivity. Hoover has indicated, however, that the Waleys and Mahan were the only persons involved in the plot.

Mahan, previously had served two prison sentences and was released on parole each time. He had been sentenced to 20 years in Idaho state penitentiary at Boise on September 24, 1927. Before that he was sentenced to Deer Lodge penitentiary in Montana for grand larceny and was paroled after serving little more than a year of his 2 to 4 year term.

## KARPIS, PAL NABBED RUSHED TO ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL —(AP)— The erstwhile lone wolf of the Karpis-Barker mob, limping Harry Campbell, returned to St. Paul by plane under the muzzles of federal agents' guns Thursday after being trapped in Toledo by government man hunters.

Campbell, last of 25 persons involved in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker two years ago, was brought here by plane in the same manner as Alvin Karpis from New Orleans last week.

Still wearing leg irons and handcuffs Campbell was hustled into a waiting automobile by six federal operatives, headed by E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, who accompanied him here.

Agents said members of the Karpis gang had face lifting and finger print operations performed by a Cleveland surgeon. "That doctor probably is dead now," they said. "We have reason to believe he was killed after performing the operations. We believe his body was dumped into Lake Erie."

# TRAILING OF KARPIS CUT WIDE SWATH

G-Men's Technical Staff  
Proves Invaluable in By-  
path Discoveries.

A criminal case history, demonstrating the spectacular and practical results obtained by the G-men through their implacable and intelligent devotion to detail, is presented here in the second of a series of four articles. The writer is a newspaper man who was privileged to look into the inner workings of the Government's crime laboratory in Washington.

BY LEMUEL F. PARTON.

Ma Barker was a wicked old Harri-  
man with the deadly eye of the basilisk.  
She whelped a brood of killers, all  
done for now—thanks to the G-men  
and their own occupational hazards—  
and Ma, too, is a casualty of J. Edgar  
Hoover's open season for murderers,  
losing the decision in a machine gun  
argument with the Federals. Thus  
the Barker interests of the Barker-  
Karpis murder syndicate were liqui-  
dated, and now the Karpis holdings  
are written off with the doubtlessly  
permanent isolation of the homicidal  
but ratty and slack-featured Alvin  
Karpis.

It is said that cold-blooded reptiles  
don't die until sundown. So with the  
gangs. One could go back 30 years  
to the demise of some notorious West-  
ern bad man, in a roadside brush with  
the law, and find that the elimination  
was like lifting a single scale from a  
gila monster. The crime book-up  
runs back through decades, as did the  
Barkers and their cumulative vil-  
lainies. That's why Mr. Hoover and  
his special agents have gone in for  
historicity rather than histrionics. To  
break widely ramifying and inter-  
locking gangs, they must get the  
whole picture.

Office Sleuths Invaluable.

The 6,000,000 fingerprints in the files  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
would be just so many ciphers without  
an integer to give them meaning.  
Finding these integers is the work of  
Mr. Hoover's unique organization of  
police techniques and intelligence. In  
any sessions with the G-men, during  
the last three months, I realized  
clearly that their remarkable showing  
of efficiency is the harvest of organ-  
ization, systematization, co-ordination  
and research, a vast amount of which  
may have no bearing for the moment  
on any particular case, but which is

as a point of focal infection. He had  
a fat dossier on the journeymen  
"snatchers" and killers who enjoyed  
sanctuary there.

On June 15, 1933, William Hamm,  
rich brewer, was banged on the head  
with a pistol butt as he left his office,  
tossed into a car, taken to a hide-out  
and held for \$100,000 ransom. Prom-  
inent in Hoover's St. Paul crime  
anthology was one Shot-gun Ziegler, a  
rather ornate thug, supposedly highly  
educated. At that time, the outlines  
of the Barker-Karpis gang were rather  
vague in the F. B. I. files, but Ziegler  
seemed a "natural" for such an enter-  
prise. He was one of the most gar-  
rulous of killers and the G-men had  
had word that he had been planning  
to branch out.

Prints Taken From Bottles.

The day after Hamm was kidnaped  
a St. Paul newspaper told the police  
the address of a suburban house where  
Hamm possibly had been taken, as  
previously told here. How the police  
passed up the beer bottles also has  
been told. G-men are trained in  
routine as thoroughly as a quarter-  
back in snapping the ball. It was  
routine for them to lift a couple of  
prints from a beer bottle and shoot  
them to Washington by air. It was  
also routine for a mystifying machine  
to kick out the identifications of Frank  
Nash and Paula Harmon, quicker than  
you could say J. Edgar Hoover. Frank  
Nash was arrested.

Two days after the Hamm kidnaping  
three gangsters killed Nash and three  
officers, at Kansas City, trying to  
rescue the former from the Federals.  
Had it not been for that fingerprint,  
Mr. Hoover's beagles on the Hamm  
case would have been off on a false  
trail. A sequence of evidence, started  
by the print, linked Nash with the  
Hamm kidnaping and hung the Kansas  
City massacre on Verne Miller, Pretty  
Boy Floyd and Adam Richetti, to all  
of whom the Federals later dealt just  
retribution.

In one year's operations, the Barker-  
Karpis gang cleaned up about \$500,000  
in cash. When, on January 17, 1934,  
they kidnaped Edward George Bremer,  
president of the Commercial Bank of  
St. Paul, they raised their ransom  
price to \$200,000. But by this time,  
the special agents were riding hard  
on their trail. That fateful finger-  
print had linked Nash with shot-gun  
Ziegler and a thorough shakedown  
of Ziegler evidence had linked him

with the Barker-Karpis gang. Ziegler  
had been happily eliminated by a  
fellow thug at Cicero on March 22,  
1934, and the objective narrowed to  
Arthur (Doc) Barker and the sullen  
silent and shifty Karpis—hot nois as  
his mates and therefore harder to  
catch.

Kept His Hands Off.

J. Edgar Hoover vehemently urges  
everybody, including country sheriffs,  
not to touch any evidence of crime.  
A cross-roads sheriff, near Portage,  
Wia., heard and heeded. When some  
farmers located some gasoline cans,  
abandoned under suspicious circum-  
stances, he forbade anybody to touch  
them and wired the G-men. On one  
of them, they found a fingerprint of  
Barker. There was other evidence  
that the car had been driven by the  
Bremer kidnapers.

From that point, the whole case  
began to unwind like a ball of string.  
There had been previous information  
that the gang had proceeded by flash-  
light signals. The special agents  
showed pictures of Barker and Karpis  
to all flashlight dealers in St. Paul.  
Karpis was identified as the pur-  
chaser of four flashlights. Next came  
the breakdown of handlers of the  
ransom money, the flushing of Dr.  
Joseph P. Moran, who did the Karpis  
face alterations, and the wreck of  
various political fixers and fences  
along the line, all of which collateral  
happenings would make a fat book.  
While the main point of interest,  
for the moment, is that Alvin Karpis  
is in jail, it is to be noted that such  
a case history as this reveals the first  
national crime drive as cutting a wide  
swath. While the G-men were after

Karpis, they also cleaned up stu-  
pidous crime impresarios as B.  
Weaver, Harry Campbell, Vein-  
Davis, Fred Barker (bullet-riddle  
with his implacable and rheumy-ey-  
old mother in Florida) Arthur (Doc)  
Barker, Kate Barker and Edna Mur-  
ray—all dead or permanently out of  
circulation.

In what respect are Mr. Hoover's  
operations unique? What are the G-  
men doing with their great "crime  
laboratory," their 4,000,000 finger-  
prints, their thirty-nine sub-bureau  
their shooting gallery, their police  
school and their army of 1,700 inde-  
pendent and outdoor sleuths? What are the  
political restraints on the federal  
against crime? Like a photograph  
plate in a dark room, the picture  
develops if one explores the Fed-  
Bureau of Investigation—minute  
disparate as the nuts and bolts in  
conveyor belt factory, but quite  
perfectly integrated.

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# FEDERALS NAB CAMPBELL IN MAIL ROBBERY

Hoover Men Raid Apartment  
In Toledo, Capture Gang-  
ster, Wife

CITES "TIPOFF" HERE

Government Ace Says Poli-  
ticians Thwarted Roundup  
in City in 1934

(Picture on Page 14)

Harry Campbell, partner of the notorious Alvin Karpis, wanted in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker in 1934 and in the \$46,000 Garrettsville mail train robbery, today was captured in Toledo by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and other agents.

Mr. Hoover, in Cleveland this morning, announced the capture and revealed that the Karpis-Campbell gang had hid out in Cleveland in the summer of 1934 and had been tipped off to plans for a federal raid by "politicians with police connections."

## Surgeon Reported Slain

Mr. Hoover also disclosed that Dr. Joseph Moran of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis-Campbell gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is reported to be at the "bottom of Lake Erie."

He said he had heard that the gangsters killed the surgeon for fear he would "squeal."

Investigation of all angles of the tipoff of the gangsters by the crooked politicians is under way, Mr. Hoover said.

Mr. Hoover said he had a special agent into an operating apartment in Toledo early today and seized Campbell and his 19-year-old wife.

"There was some resistance, but he soon was subdued," said Mr. Hoover. He declined to elaborate on this.

Mr. Hoover also disclosed that half an hour after Campbell had been captured he and his aide arrested Sam Coker, Oklahoma bank robber, out on parole, at another home in Toledo.

## Faces Kidnaping Charge

He said Coker, who was under a 30-year sentence to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, had violated his parole. He was flown to Cleveland in the same TWA plane that brought Mr. Hoover, Campbell and Campbell's wife here. Campbell then was taken to St. Paul for trial in the Bremer kidnaping.

Mr. Hoover said he was convinced that Mrs. Campbell, who married Campbell in Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935, under his alias of Bob Miller, was unaware that her husband was a notorious gunman. He said she would be released in a few days.

In Campbell's room, Mr. Hoover said, was found \$2900 in cash, a heavy pistol and six clips of cartridges.

Mr. Hoover, who flew from Washington to Toledo last night, was to fly to New York from Cleveland at noon today.

He said Coker would be held here for Oklahoma State Prison authorities.

Mr. Hoover characterized the Karpis-Campbell gang as "rats." He said they were all "yellow." He himself took part in the capture of Karpis in New Orleans the night of May 1. He said the alteration of the fingerprints of Campbell here was a "bad job."

Referring to the tipoff by Cleveland politicians of the impending Government raid on the Karpis-Campbell gang, Mr. Hoover said:

"We are looking into all angles involved in that tipoff. We're going to get all those who aided and abetted or harbored that gang in Cleveland in 1934—the doctors, lawyers and politicians."

"I understand there were crooks in the Cleveland Police Department then, but that situation has been remedied."

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# KARPIS' PAL; REVEAL GANG PURE HERE FOILED BY TIPOFF

**G-Men Seize Campbell, Companion of Notorious Gunman, in Hideout at Toledo; Faces Trial in Kidnaping**

**HUNT "CROOK POLITICIANS" IN CITY**

**Hoover, Ace Crime Fighter, Opens Drive to Roundup Lawyers, Doctors and Police Who Aided Cleveland Escape**

Cleveland politicians with "police connections" gave Alvin Karpis, cringing imprisoned gang leader, the tip that prevented capture of the Karpis desperadoes while they were hiding out in Cleveland in the summer of 1934.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, made this disclosure here today simultaneously with his announcement that Har Campbell, partner of Karpis in crimes that terrorized the Middle West for several years, had been captured early today in Toledo by agents led by Mr. Hoover.

Campbell, who is under indictment in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934, and in the \$46,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., November, was flown to Cleveland with Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Hoover in a chartered TWA plane, and thence to St. Paul to face trial.

An ironic twist was given Campbell's capture when G-men at St. Paul indicated that Karpis himself gave the tip that brought about the capture of his chief lieutenant.

Hoover led the capture of Karpis last Friday night in New Orleans.

Referring to the tipoff by Cleveland politicians of the Karpis gang that federal agents were planning a raid on their hideouts along the Erie in 1934, Mr. Hoover said:

"We are looking into all who are involved in that tipoff. We're going to get all those who aided, sheltered or harbored that gang. Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers, politicians—

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**This Politician Told**  
 Mr. Hoover, expanded, on the news against the Cleveland politicians who tipped off the Karpis gang. He said, however, he did not tell the agents for Washington.

"When the Karpis gang's leaders were arrested in downtown Toledo, and for disorderly conduct, Karpis was tipped off to the arrest before Cleveland police or the newspapers knew of it," said Mr. Hoover.

"Karpis received a telephone call at his West Side apartment. The identity of the probable source of his information is known to the Cleveland Department of Justice. I don't know how long it will take us to complete our case against the politicians. But we're going to get all connected with the case."

"All politicians, in my estimation, are scum. Politicians and crooked police have been our worst handicap in cleaning up this case."

Safety Director Eliot Ness, himself a former G-man in the alcohol tax enforcement division, today asked local Department of Justice operatives for a complete report on the tipoff of the Karpis gang in Cleveland by Cleveland politicians. Weary and unshaven after a hurried trip from Washington to Toledo, up all night to lead in the Campbell capture, Mr. Hoover also disclosed that Dr. Joseph Morosini of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is reported to be at the "bottom of Lake Erie."

#### Report Surgeon Murders

He said he is investigating reports that the gangsters killed the surgeon for fear he would "squeal."

Revelation that the Karpis gang had hidden out in Cleveland in 1934 first was made last May by Wynona Burdette, pretty 21-year-old gangster's "moll" in the heyday of the Barker-Karpis mob. She gave a vivid portrait of life with a machine-gunning band of kidnapers, routing from state to state to dodge the law.

Testifying in St. Paul, she told of the gang secluding itself in cottages along the shores of Lake Erie near Sandusky and later in Cleveland. She said she was "picked up" by the Government when agents raided their Cleveland apartment in September, 1934. Campbell and Fred Barker barely escaped, she said.

Coincident with the capture of Campbell, the new Federal Grand

Jury, sworn in today by U. S. Judge Paul Jones, took up as one of its first cases the indictment charging Karpis, Campbell, Fred Hunter, John Brock and Sam Doe with the Garrettsville mail train robbery last Nov. 7.

Seized with Campbell in the raid at dawn on his suite above a delicatessen and beer parlor in Toledo was his 19-year-old wife, who married the desperado at Bowling Green, O., in May, 1935, under his alias of Bob Miller. Mr. Hoover said he is convinced she was unaware her husband was a notorious gunman and kidnaper. She will be released soon, he said.

#### Find Gun and \$2900

Mr. Hoover said Campbell, who has a criminal record dating from 1920, was subdued after a brief struggle. He said a 45-caliber pistol, six clips of cartridges and \$2900 in cash were found in Campbell's rooms.

Half an hour after Campbell was captured, Mr. Hoover led his men in a raid on another Toledo home to seize Sam Coker, Oklahoma bank robber who was sentenced to 30 years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1933, paroled on Sept. 15, 1935, and is wanted for parole violation.

Coker was found living with an aged couple. Mr. Hoover brought Coker to Cleveland, and he is being held by federal officers here for Oklahoma prison authorities.

#### Ends Bremer Kidnap Case

"The arrest of Campbell ends the Bremer kidnaping case," Mr. Hoover asserted.

Mr. Hoover said Campbell was not in New Orleans when Karpis was captured. Campbell, he said, was in a hospital at the time. Since the Garrettsville mail train robbery, Campbell has been hiding out in the Toledo-Sandusky area, he added.

Thomas D. Quinn, assistant director of the Bureau of Investigation, said today in Washington that the bureau did not intend to pay rewards for either Karpis or Campbell, because their arrests were the results of tedious tracking down of clues by federal agents rather than "tips" from private individuals. Rewards of \$5000 for Karpis and \$2500 for Campbell had been offered.

The federal agent who intimated that Karpis "squealed" on Campbell was asked: "Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?"

"Well," the G-man replied, "he's entitled to it."

Campbell is to be questioned in St. Paul in connection with the Bremer kidnaping and the abduction of William Hamm Jr., wealthy president of a St. Paul brewery. He is under indictment in the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis also is under indictment for this crime. His bond is \$500,000. He is in an "escape-proof" cell.

#### Accused of Murder

Campbell is wanted in Rogers County, Oklahoma, for the murder of J. Earl Smith, Tulsa lawyer, in 1932. Smith was found beaten and shot to death. Campbell and Fred Barker and other members of the gang disappeared at the time. Two of the gang, since captured, have talked. One of them pinned the Smith murder on Campbell.

With capture of Campbell the two outstanding "public rats," as Mr. Hoover calls them, are Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wanted for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll in Louisville, Ky., in October, 1934, and William Mahan, under indictment in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser at Tacoma, Wash., in May, 1935.

#### Chief of G-Men Talks Like He Works—Fast!

J. Edgar Hoover talks like he works—fast!

He has a slight East Side New Yorkish accent. He knows his subject, the trapping of gangsters and killers, and he knows news.

His first act after he flew into Cleveland this morning was to report his early morning capture of Harry Campbell, Oklahoma outlaw and the last member of the St. Paul kidnaping gang.

Natily-dressed in double-breasted gray suit, but with his face and eyes showing plain evidence of the strain under which he operates, the G-man chieftain leaned across the big desk in the local Department of Justice office.

"They're all rats, they're public rats instead of public enemies to us," he said. "They don't come any more yellow than those birds."

His word's rolled out, staccato-like, as fire spits from the G-man's machine gun in a death fight with one of those "rats."

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# KARPIS TALKS; PAID HELD AS HARBORER

In widely separated cities yesterday Alvin Karpis, erstwhile Public Enemy No. 1, and his companion, Fred Hunter, both displayed the cringing, beaten attitude typical of a self-styled "bad man" who finds himself in the hands of the law.

In St. Paul United States District Attorney G. F. Sullivan said Karpis probably would not be arraigned on the charges of kidnaping Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm Jr. for about two weeks.

## BELIEVED "TALKING."

He was still being questioned on other crimes, and the indication was that Karpis, his former attitude of defiance broken down was telling everything the government wants to know about accomplices and associates.

He is being questioned about a \$30,000 St. Paul holdup robbery in which a policeman was killed; the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, fifteen bank robberies, several mail holdups, and the two kidnaping cases.

In New Orleans, Fred Hunter was trembling, beaten and scarce-

ly able to speak audibly when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter Jr.

## HELD FOR HELPING KARPIS.

Although he is wanted for a \$34,000 postoffice robbery in Garrettsville, O., Hunter was arraigned on a charge of harboring Karpis in the flat where the two were captured last Friday along with a woman known as Ruth Robinson.

His bond was set at \$200,000 after Hunter waived a preliminary hearing. He was then turned over to the United States marshal and will be held in the Federal prison here pending his indictment by a federal grand jury.

"Ruth Robinson," it was learned, was released without charges being placed against her.

## PUT IN FEDERAL PRISON.

NEW ORLEANS, May 6. (AP)—Fred Hunter, mail robbery suspect arrested here last Friday with Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, was placed in federal prison under \$200,000 bond today on a charge of "harboring and concealing" the much wanted criminal.

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# KARPIS BEHIND MASSACRE OF FIVE BY GANG

Nation Roused to Wrath Over Slaughter; Nash Riddled With Rescue Party's Bullets

The most shocking episode of the life of Alvin Karpis, captured gang leader, is here related by Courtney Ryley Cooper, in his story of the Union Station massacre in Kansas City. Karpis led in plotting the Kansas City crime that revolted the country.

BY COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER, Famous writer and reporter, author of "10,000 Public Enemies," from which this series is taken.

At the Union Station in Kansas City, the morning that is a red day in the city's history, the train bearing Frank Nash had come in on time.

An officer had gotten out and looked about him. The train shed had been clear, except for William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives; Raymond J. Caffrey, special agent; and E. E. Vetterli, special agent in charge, all to meet the prisoner.

Up the stairs they went with old Frank and along the 360-foot corridor which led to the street.

## Gunners Step Forth

They started to load Frank Nash into the car, believing themselves in no danger. Hundreds of persons were near by. Cabs came and went. The life of the union station flowed on all about them. Loaded shotguns were placed in the car. Guns rested in holsters. Frank Nash started to get into the seat. They moved him to the front; he sat under the wheel, awaiting final disposition. It was at this point that machine gunners stepped forth.

The car containing the attackers had been parked quite near the car of a special agent and the car containing the two detectives. The bandits had hidden there, awaiting the time for a get-away. Now they moved swiftly into position, surrounding the police car.

Floyd yelled: "Get 'em up! Up—up—up!"

## Go Down Fighting

Of seven men threatened with death, not one obeyed the command. Every officer reached for his gun. Hermanson shot twice. It maddened Floyd. He shouted: "Give it to 'em!"

The faithful engineers of crime's underground railroad hastened to obey. Bandit machine guns went into action. Caffrey, Nash, Grooms, Hermanson and Reed were killed instantly. Vetterli and Lackey were wounded. The only man who escaped death unharmed was Special Agent Smith, who had taken Nash's place in the rear seat.

The bandits did not know that a machine gunner stuck his head through the shattered car window.

Before him was a mass of lifeless sprawls; Smith's body was covered by a storm of fellow officer's bullets, swung his gun in a hand.

"Frank's dead! dead! Scram!"

So, sick with blood, scrambled, leaving behind dead and wounded men, a man of whom was a lawbreaker, and bring about activities against law the Bureau of Invest.

## Shock to Widow

Frances Nash, who in all her association with gangdom, never could quite forget that she once had been a schoolteacher, rose from the breakfast table to the knowledge that the radio had suddenly ceased its usual advertising exhortations. There was an evidence of strain in the announcer's voice.

Four officers were instantly killed and two wounded at Union Station Plaza early today, when gangdom attempted to liberate from their custody an escaped Federal prisoner named Frank Nash. In the burst of machine-gun fire with which the attacking outlaws swept down the gallant police officials, Frank Nash himself also fell, instantly slain by the terrific fire.

Mrs. Nash looked toward those about her—the neighboring wife of an ex-convict; Herb Farmer, cupping his ear to the loud speaker; Esther, ghastly gray, beside him.

"Frank Nash?" she asked.

"Who's he?"

"The man you married, dearie," said her neighbor.

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## Face Lifting Fails



Federal agents in St. Paul released this picture of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, showing that a face lifting operation failed to change his appearance. The picture, made after the desperado's arrest in New Orleans, led agents to term the operation a very poor job. (Associated Press Photo)

## \$500,000 Bail Set For Karpis

Pal, Cringing and Beaten, Held in \$200,000 On Harboring Charge

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 6.—(US)—Brought before the clerk of the U. S. district court today prior to removal to the Ramsey county jail, Alvin Karpis, kidnaper and erstwhile public enemy No. 1, was told bail would be \$100,000 each on the five charges against him.

The gangster was startled for an instant, inquiring:

"What was that?"

The clerk replied:

"I said bail would be \$500,000—can you furnish it?"

Karpis sneered and said with a half-smile:

"Not today."

### Record for City

Karpis was taken to jail after 103 hours of almost continuous grilling by G-men. The bail is a record for St. Paul. There were one actual kidnaping and two conspiracy charges in the Edward G. Bremer \$200,000 kidnaping and a kidnaping and a conspiracy charge in the William Hamm jr., \$100,000 kidnaping.

While Karpis was being questioned today not only on the kidnapings, but about a \$30,000 St. Paul holdup in which a policeman was killed, the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, and various other crimes, the alleged accomplice with whom he was arrested in New Orleans, Fred Hunter, was being arraigned before United States Commissioner Reginald Carter jr., in the southern

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## Parker, Sr., Named Wendel Kidnaper

NEW YORK, May 6.—(AP)—Dis. Atty. William F. X. Geoghan tonight declared Ellis H. Parker, Sr., rural New Jersey detective chief, was "certainly one of the kidnappers" of Paul H. Wendel, former Trenton attorney who asserts he was tortured into signing spurious statements implicating himself in the Lindbergh case.

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## Trap Gangster



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## KARPIS AIDE IS SEIZED IN OHIO

## Hoover Leads in Capture of Campbell During Raid in Toledo

CLEVELAND, May 7 (UP).—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, announced today that Harry Campbell, only remaining member of the Karpis-Barker gang, was captured in Toledo at 5 o'clock this morning.

Hoover arrested Campbell personally, brought him to Cleveland in a chartered plane and then sent him to St. Paul under guard of federal agents.

Hoover said only slight resistance was encountered when he and his agents broke into Campbell's second floor apartment. They found a woman who Hoover said was Campbell's wife in the apartment with him.

The girl was brought to Cleveland but was not put under arrest.

Investigators found \$2,900 in cash, a revolver, and six clips of cartridges in the apartment.

## Lived There Five Months

Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo five months, almost constantly since the \$48,000 Garrettsville, O., mail robbery last November. He had been in and out of Toledo for the last 18 months.

Hoover flew to Toledo from Washington last night. The raid was staged quietly this morning and the two were immediately brought to Cleveland.

Hoover said Karpis and Campbell were the two who stood guard over Edward Bremer wealthy St. Paul banker after he had been kidnaped and held for \$200,000 ransom.

In another raid at Toledo, federal agents captured Sam Coker on parole from the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester where he was serving a 30-year term for bank robbery. Coker is held here in the department of justice office and will be returned to Oklahoma for parole violation.

Hoover said Coker had been associated with the Karpis-Barker mob but did not participate either in the Bremer kidnaping or the Garrettsville mail robbery.

## Married in Ohio

Campbell was married, Hoover said, in May, 1935, at Bowling Green, O. He did not disclose the maiden name of Campbell's wife but said he did not think she knew who Campbell really was.

The building in which Campbell was taken was a two-story store building. Four apartments were on the second floor above a delicatessen. Campbell lived in one of the front apartments. Hoover said Campbell had been living in Toledo under the name of Bob Miller. He also was married under that name, the marriage certificate found in the apartment, showed.

Coker's age was listed as 40 and his home at Nowata, Okla. He was captured in an old residence where he was residing with an aged couple. Federal agents were forced to use extreme caution in capturing Coker because both old people are suffering from heart trouble.

Campbell was a minor member of the Karpis-Barker gang, which operated for several years in the Middle West. His police record dates back to 1920, but he did not actually join the gang until shortly before it was broken up by the death of some members and imprisonment of others.

## Fight to Freedom

Campbell's chief claim to notoriety rested on the fray in Atlantic City in January, 1935, when he and Karpis shot their way to freedom when cornered in a hotel-room hideout by local police, and on his participating in the Bremer kidnaping.

He is 36 years old, a native of McClintocville, Pa. His police record began, when at the age of 20, he was arrested in Tulsa, and fined \$12.

He was next arrested in Lincoln (Continued on Page 7, Column 8)

## KARPIS AIDE IS SEIZED IN OHIO

## Hoover Leads in Capture of Campbell During Raid in Toledo

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county, Okla., on a bank robbery charge, but after six months in the state penitentiary was released by court order.

The next record federal files show on Campbell is a Tulsa arrest on a burglary charge in 1932. He was released on bond, and the case still is listed as "pending."

## Wanted in Bremer Crime

He is listed as "wanted" in connection with the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul in January, 1934. This is believed to have been one of the first crimes in which he participated as a member of the Karpis-Barker gang.

In January, 1935, when the gang had broken up and Ma and Doc Barker were in hiding in Oklawaha, Fla., Campbell and Karpis visited the Florida hideout.

They became tired of the place. So, taking two women who had been traveling with them for some time, the two desperadoes went to Atlantic City. The day after they left, federal agents raided the hideout, and killed both Barkers in a gun battle. Had Karpis and Campbell delayed their departure one day more, or had the raid taken place one day earlier, Karpis and Campbell probably would have suffered the same fate as did the Barkers.

Meanwhile, careful search of the hideout gave officers information leading them to the correct belief that Karpis and Campbell were staying in Atlantic City. They notified the resort's police department.

Atlantic City police officers promptly visited the hotel room, without making any unusual arrangements for the raid. Sensing danger, Karpis and Campbell began shooting as the raiding party attempted to enter the room, and, abandoning the female companions, both escaped.

## Leader Betrays His Aide

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ST PAUL, May 17.—Alvin Karpis, cringing imprisoned gang leader, gave the tip that brought about capture of his chief lieutenant, Harry Campbell, in Toledo, O., a G-man indicated today.

The federal man was waiting at St. Paul airport for arrival of the plane bearing Campbell and his captors.

The federal agent was asked, "Is Karpis going to get the \$2,500 reward for Campbell's capture?" "Well, the G-man replied, "he's entitled to it."

J. Edgar Hoover, U. S. G-Man, says all criminals are "yellow rats" and deserve no further titles such as "Public Enemy No. 1." Says he: "If you want to know whom I regard as Public Enemy No. 1, I'll tell you—Old Man Pollock."

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# The Uncaptured 'No. 1'

From the Christian Science Monitor

Corrupt politics, instead of any particular criminal, is "Public Enemy No. 1," according to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Gangsters like Alvin Karpis, whom Hoover has just turned over to St. Paul officials after capturing him at New Orleans, were called "yellow rats," not deserving "any titles, distinction or rank."

Sheer fright seized the gangster when federal agents under Hoover's personal leadership surrounded his car in New Orleans. His previous boasts about never being taken alive did not even nerve him to reach for a rifle in the back of the car.

The picture painted by Hoover of Karpis and others who have wrongly been dignified with the title of "Public Enemy No. 1," left little room for mock heroics in connection with the sordid misdeeds of crime.

Gangsters turn out as a rule to be flabby and weak, Hoover said.

"The lives they lead soften them up," he explained crisply.

So far as the Bureau of Investigation is concerned, there never has been a "Public Enemy No. 1." Hoover told the newspapermen who interviewed him that the real public enemy is crooked politics. This enemy, especially in certain communities which he declined to name, hinders the efforts of federal agents and permits criminals to escape, he said.

Federal co-operation with local officials is available everywhere except where three conditions are present, he continued.

These conditions are: police inefficiency, police corruption, unwarranted publicity.

In explanation, examples were cited to show how local red-tape or unwise newspaper publicity had permitted criminals to slip through nets carefully laid by federal agents.

One local newspaper came out at 2:30 p. m. with screaming headlines

to the effect that the late John Dillinger would come to a doctor's office at 4 p. m. for an X-ray. The doctor had recognized the gangster and asked him to return for the X-ray, meanwhile notifying the police. Dillinger, warned by the newspaper story, left town.

In other cases, local sheriffs have haggled over fees they were to receive for guarding roads while the gangsters have had time to slip through.

Specific hindrances of corrupt politics to law enforcement include local attempts to dictate appointments and assignments of federal agents. Other hindrances cited by Hoover were direct connection of the underworld to politics and at times to law enforcement officials.

The rumor that Lindbergh ransom money had been flooding New England after the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann was spiked by Hoover. Not one dollar of the marked bills has turned up, he said. At a New York conference last week, between \$49,000 and \$50,000 of the ransom money was accounted for in the transactions of Hauptmann, he reported. While only about \$16,000 were in original ransom bills, it was believed the rest might have slipped back through the hands of the underworld without being traced. Hoover's appropriation of the addition of 22 agents to Hoover's bureau. This will bring the field staff to 325.

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## UNDER ARREST



Harry Campbell, member of the Karpis-Barker gang, was captured by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Department of Justice, in a raid at Toledo, O., early this morning and rushed to St. Paul via plane. Campbell gave up without firing a shot. A girl found with him, claiming to be Mrs. Campbell, was also detained.

## HINT KARPIS BETRAYED PAL

Entitled to Reward for Campbell, Says C-Man; Gangster  
Flown to St. Paul

By STEVE RICHARDS

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ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—Harry Campbell, last principal of the Karpis-Barker gang, arrived here in a chartered airliner today, closely guarded by G-men who captured him in Toledo, O.

The big ship carried J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who personally arrested Campbell at Toledo early today. The plane landed at 11:55 a. m., CST.

One of the G-men who awaited the plane indicated that Alvin Karpis, leader of the kidnap gang, had provided the tip that led to Campbell's discovery.

"Is Karpis going to get the \$2500 reward for Campbell's capture?" the federal agent was asked.

"Well," was the reply, "he's entitled to it."

Karpis has been questioned ever since he was brought—cringing and whimpering—in chains from New Orleans last Saturday.

Karpis faces trial in the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr. and Campbell is under indictment for participating in the abduction of Edward G. Bremer.

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# G-Men Capture

## Two 'Public

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## NAME KARPIS IN \$30,000 ST. PAUL PAYROLL HOLDUP

Add Another Black  
Mark To Nation's  
Top 'Enemy'

ST. PAUL—(AP)—Sudden departure of an investigator Wednesday night for "another city" followed a long conference between Harold E. Stassen, Dakota county attorney, and federal officials as investigation was pushed into the \$30,000 South St. Paul payroll holdup in which one patrolman was killed and another wounded.

For the first time publicly, Stassen revealed he has knowledge of the identity of the six bandits who staged the spectacular robbery and named Alvin Karpis, held here for the Edward G. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr., kidnappings, as the ring leader.

### On Secret Mission

Close on the heels of a conference between Stassen and Clinton W. Stein, chief of the federal bureau of investigation here and other officials, Oscar C. Hall, a former special federal agent now associated with Stassen, left the city on a secret mission.

Stassen refused to give the reason for Hall's departure beyond saying he went to "another city to investigate certain phases in connection with the holdup."

Named by the county attorney as the six participants were Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur (Doc) Barker, Charles Fitzgerald and "two others whose identities are known to us." Stassen declined to disclose whether either was in custody.

### Was Finger Man

Fitzgerald, held in jail here and accused by the government as being the man who helped seize Hamm June 15, 1933, was charged by Stassen with being the bandit who gave the signal for the gang to start shooting in the South St. Paul holdup. Patrolman Leo Pavlak was killed instantly and Patrolman John Yeaman wounded seriously in the holdup, which occurred six weeks after the kidnaping of Hamm. Fred Barker is dead and his brother is serving a life term in Alcatraz prison for a part in the Bremer abduction.

The Dakota county attorney, who said he has "positive evidence" linking the same mob with the killing of Patrolman Miles Cunningham of Chicago in a mail holdup in the early part of September, 1933, disclosed also for the first time that the Barker-Karpis gang was suspected of the payroll holdup the same day it was staged.

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# KARPIS :: By Courtney Ryley Cooper

## How Bailey, Underhill And Four 'Lifers' Escaped Prison

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second installment of a short series in which Mr. Cooper, noted magazine author, crime expert, newspaper and mystery-story writer, tells the tale of KARPIS—Alvin G. Karpis, long-hunted United States Public Enemy No. 1. Mr. Cooper writes with an air of authority, lets his facts tell this story without sentiment, without sobbing. Just last week Karpis was captured—by Uncle Sam's unrelenting G-Men, proving once more that "Crime Does Not Pay").

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ALVIN KARPIS... "PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1"... SHOWING HOW HE TRIED TO HIDE FROM THE FEDERAL AGENTS BY DISGUISE

Here are shown two pictures of the notorious Alvin Karpis, showing the effectiveness of his disguise which was penetrated a career of crime and bloodshed over the country. At the left he is shown in a prison picture, while the other photograph shows him in his disguise.

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### Married

While this was being considered, Frank Nash and Frances were again on the move. They went to Hot Springs, Ark., where another little sentimentality developed. There they were married, becoming Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miller, this in spite of the fact that Frank Nash already had a wife.

All this time, several members of the Barker-Karpis crowd were in the vicinity of Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. However, even business could not halt a romance. Fred Barker had remembered the old days down at Herb Farmer's and Paula, the wife of the bank robber, whom he had met there.

The Verne Millers now were truly settled in Kansas City. Vi had her child with her—the little girl was taking dancing lessons and doing very well. Vi belonged to one country club where she often played bridge. Verne Miller—all this accomplished under fake names—belonged to another. Freddie Barker was there often. One day, as he lolled over a bottle of beer, Freddie's features broke into a gold-toothed grin as he asked:

"Say, whatever became of that Paula Harmon?"

### Love Message

Verne called his woman. "Vi, telephone Paula Harmon, down in Fort Arthur, Texas. Tell her Fred's asking about her."

The call was made. Paula Harmon took an airplane out of Texas that very afternoon. By the next night she had arrived in Kansas

Hazel Hudson, nee Jarrett, sister of the Jarret outlaw gang, that her sweetheart, Wilbur Underhill, soon would be free again. It read:

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The "cows" were Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill and four other life-termers. The "hay" was a prison escape, the "thirtieth" Decoration Day, 1933.

On the morning of the "thirtieth" there was a ball game in the yard of Lansing State Penitentiary. The fourth inning was on, between the American Legion teams of Topeka and Leavenworth. The score was 2 to 2. Excitement was tense—and suddenly there came a greater thrill.

Six of the most dangerous convicts in the prison—the six "cows" mentioned in that telegram—surrounded the warden, Kirk Prather. They threw a looped wire over his head, binding him. Guns appeared from beneath convict uniforms.

In the tower turrets, the guards, attempting to shoot, found that the warden had been shoved forward in such a manner as to expose him to any gunfire. Then a command sounded—the voice of Harvey Bailey, backed by that of Wilbur Underhill:

"Throw down your keys. And let down a rope and ladder!"

### Honeymoon

Eleven convicts later went over the wall, taking the warden and a guard with them. There was shooting; Harvey Bailey was wounded in the calf of his right leg, but he kept on going. The usual day of horror followed; wounded guards, stolen cars, kidnapped hostages, frightened farmers robbed of their automobiles and left stranded on country roads. For five of the convicts, there was quick recapture.

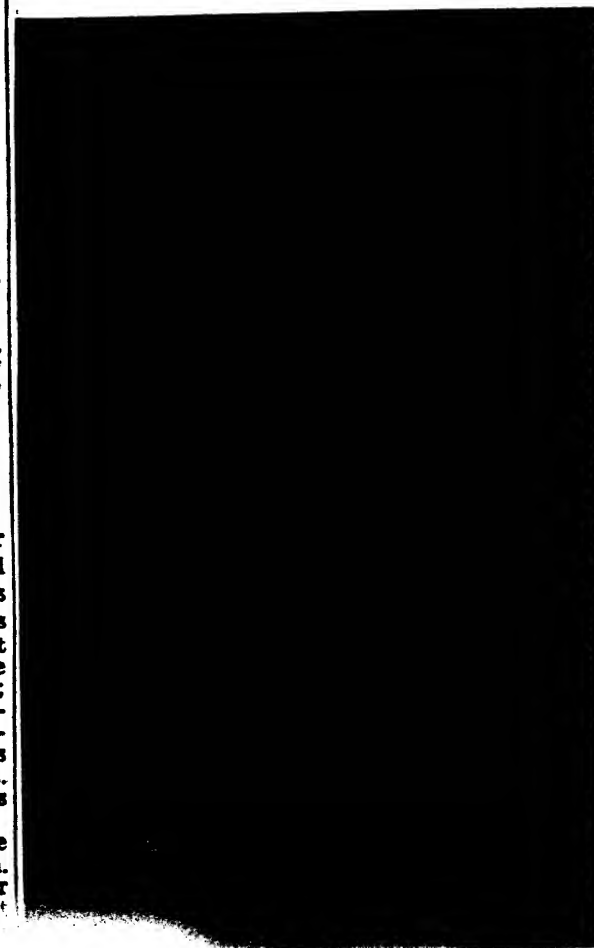
The old rule to move when the heat was on now hit Frank Nash. Away he went with Mrs. Nash, for a belated honeymoon. In that there was disappointment.



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## HOW LIFERS ESCAPED

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only a few days after his departure.

Again a wandering journey ensued, finally leading to St. Paul. The Barker-Karpis boys had gone there also and a get-together meeting followed. Frank and Frances stayed overnight at the Barker-Karpis apartment. Paula made the visit quite homelike.

Now, with the crowd all hot again, there was movement and hiding. But at last the newspapers ceased printing front-page stories about the Lansing break. Frank Nash and Frances headed back to Hot Springs. That was dangerous. A lone special agent, working in occupational disguise, had learned from various members of the "sporting element" that Hot Springs was a favorite resting place for Frank Nash, and that sooner or later he would return. So now, watchful eyes which had waited long caught sight of that Plymouth car and checked the license plates. A hurried call for aid was shot into Oklahoma City, where the special agent in charge made arrangements for capture. There were three officers in the party; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Okla., who had known Frank Nash in the old days, and F. J. Lackey and Frank Smith, special agents. They found Frank Nash drinking a glass of beer at the White Front. Guns drawn, they handcuffed him and put him into their car. The long chase was over. But underworld intrigue had only begun.

Tomorrow, Courtney Ryley Cooper tells of the bloody massacre in the Union Station at Kansas City, in which Karpis was the leader.



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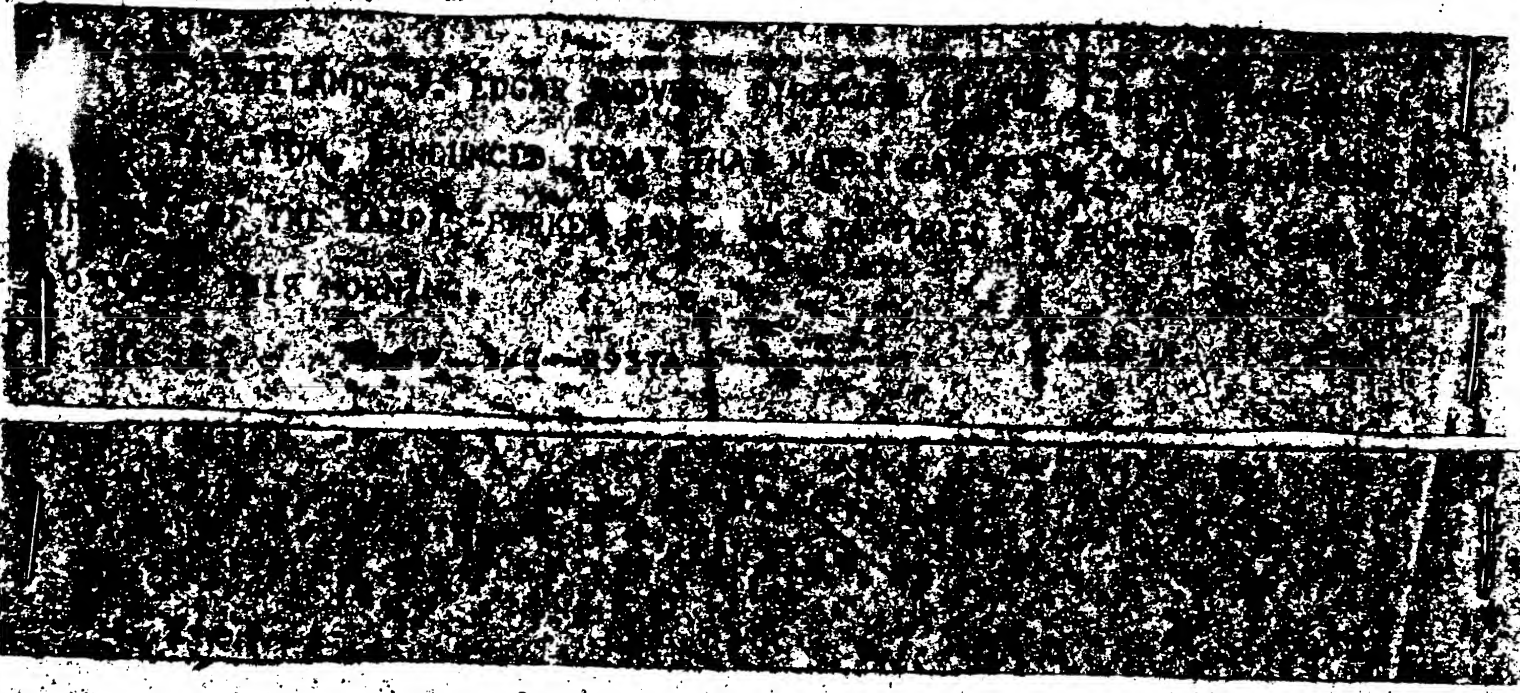
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## PROBE TIPOFF AIDING KARPIS ESCAPE HERE

G-Men Hunt Politicians and  
Police Who Foiled Gang  
Roundup in City

Harry Campbell—William Mahan  
—Alvin Karpis—

Public enemies, all. And all captured within a week by G-men. Today only Thomas H. Robinson Jr., kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville, Ky., society matron, remains at large in the Government's cleanup campaign against major criminals.

Karpis was captured last Friday night in New Orleans by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, and several agents. Campbell was seized early today by Mr. Hoover and his men in Toledo. Mahan was taken into custody late today in San Francisco as one of the kidnapers of 7-year-old George Weyerhaeuser.

In announcing the Campbell capture in Cleveland today, Mr. Hoover charged that Cleveland politicians "with police connections" gave Karpis and his gang the tip that prevented their capture while the Karpis desperadoes were hiding out in Cleveland in the summer of 1934.

Campbell and Mahan were seized today within a space of little more than six hours.

Capture of Karpis, Campbell and Mahan virtually wiped clean the Department of Justice's record of solutions of kidnaping cases.

Under Indictment

Mahan already is under indictment in the Weyerhaeuser kidnaping at Tacoma, Wash., last May, in which \$200,000 in ransom was paid by his parents for the youth's safe return. About \$80,000 of this money was found cached in Utah. Capture of Mahan was announced in Washington by Mr. Hoover, who flew to the national capital from Cleveland at noon today after the Campbell arrest.

He said Mahan was being taken to Tacoma. Harmon Metz Whaley and his wife, Margaret, were convicted and sent to federal prisons on charges of having participated in the abduction. Officials charged that Mahan was the "brains" of the kidnaping.

Mr. Hoover said Mahan was alone when arrested by G-Men in a house in San Francisco. He said Mahan, whose true name is William Dainard, offered no resistance and readily admitted his identity.

The captured kidnaper had considerable currency, identified as part of the ransom money paid for release of the Weyerhaeuser child, Mr. Hoover said. Serial numbers of the bills had been altered, he added.

Mr. Hoover said that Mahan, in addition to the Weyerhaeuser kidnap charges, was wanted in connection with three Washington state

bank robbery charges. Campbell, who is under indictment in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, in January, 1934, and in the \$48,000 mail train robbery at Garrettsville, O., last November, was flown to Cleveland with Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Hoover in a chartered TWA plane, and thence to St. Paul to face trial.

An ironic twist was given the Campbell capture when G-men at St. Paul indicated that Karpis himself gave the tip that brought about seizure of his chief lieutenant. Mr. Hoover led the capture of Karpis last Friday night in New Orleans.

Probes Tipoff Here

Referring to the tipoff by Cleveland politicians of the Karpis gang that federal agents were planning a raid on their cottages along Lake Erie in 1934, Mr. Hoover said:

"We are looking into all angles involved in that tipoff. We're going to get all those who aided and abetted or harbored that gang in Cleveland—the doctors, lawyers and politicians.

"I understand there were crooks in the Cleveland Police Department then, but that situation has been remedied."

Mr. Hoover expanded on his clues against the Cleveland politicians who tipped off the Karpis gang. He then boarded an airplane with the agents for Washington.

"All politicians, in my estimation, are scum. Politicians and crooked police have been our worst handicap in cleaning up this case."

Safety Director Eliot Ness, himself a former G-man in the alcohol tax enforcement division, today asked local Department of Justice operatives for a complete report on the tipoff of the Karpis gang in Cleveland by Cleveland politicians.

Wary and unshaven after a hurried trip from Washington to Toledo, up all night to lead in the Campbell capture, Mr. Hoover also disclosed that Dr. Joseph Moran of Chicago, who altered the fingerprints of the Karpis gangsters and performed plastic surgery on their faces, is reported to be at the "bottom of Lake Erie."

Killed to Foul Squeal

He said he is investigating reports that the gangsters killed the surgeon for fear he would "squeal."

Revelation that the Karpis gang had hidden out in Cleveland in 1934 first was made last May by Wynona Burdette, pretty 21-year-old gangster's "moll" in the heyday of the Barker-Karpis mob. She gave a vivid portrait of life with a machine-gunning band of kidnapers, roving from state to state to dodge the law.

Testifying in St. Paul, she told of the gang secluding itself in cottages

# G-Men Nab Three of Four Public Enemies in Week

Alvin Karpis . . . caught

J. Edgar Hoover . . . G-men's chief

William Mahan . . . caught



Harry Campbell . . . caught

Within the last week Department of Justice agents under J. Edgar Hoover have captured three of the four "Public Enemies" sought for months. William Mahan, wanted in the kidnaping of George Weyerhaeuser, was caught today in San Francisco. Harry Campbell, companion of Alvin Karpis, was caught last night in Toledo. Karpis was captured Friday in New Orleans. Only Thomas H. Robinson Jr., wanted in the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stell, is still at large in the Government's cleanup of major criminals.

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